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## BSI: More casino applicants wanted

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**L**ocal residents applying for jobs with Best Sunshine International, Ltd. prefer to land hotel jobs instead of casino-related positions.

Best Sunshine, which holds an exclusive casino license on Saipan, has been on a recruitment drive for its "live training" facility at the T Galleria in Garapan.

The company is eyeing to hire 500 personnel and will prioritize local hires.

The potential trainees will undergo training at an adjacent

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JAYSON CAMACHO

Jihan Buniag, center, holds her winning check of \$500 for the 2015 Liberation Day slogan contest. Joining her in a group photo, from left, are Saipan Mayor's Office special assistant Henry Hofschneider, Skywalker Communications managing director Dr. Hu Bo, and 2015 Liberation Day chair Chris Leon Guerrero.

### LIBERATION DAY SLOGAN: 'Peace in Diversity'

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The 70th Liberation Day finally has a slogan after the Saipan Mayor's Office announced yesterday that Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality staff Jihan Buniag won the competition with her entry,

"Peace in Diversity."

Mayor's office special assistant Henry Hofschneider said Buniag's winning slogan won over 105 other entries.

"We put the announcement for a week, 106 entries were received and from that we came down to just one," he said.

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## CPUC: No to debt service surcharge

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Public utility regulators determined yesterday that the request for a debt service surcharge on electric customers is not reasonable, and that there was no im-

mediate need for this relief as requested.

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. was requesting an "interim debt service surcharge" to help pay off outstanding debt owed the Commonwealth Development Agency. CUC is

required to pay back \$4.32 million in deferred debt by October 2016.

The Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission had to answer this question: "Does the partial record persuade you

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## Saipan native acquitted in 35-yr.-old murder case

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A Portland jury acquitted last week Antonio Igisomar Wabol, a native of Saipan who was accused of fatally shooting a student after an armed robbery at a

convenience store 35 years ago.

Wabol's sister told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that she's very happy with the verdict because the allegations are very serious.

The sister, who asked not to be identified, disclosed that she

attended the new trial last May 4 and 5 because she testified in court. She said when the verdict came out last Wednesday, she had already left for Seattle.

According to Portland news reports, after deliberating for

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## Local

## Norita is sworn in as CNMI's first Fire commissioner

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The first-ever commissioner for the newly created Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services was sworn in at the Susupe Fire Station I yesterday.

Standing before Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, members of the Legislature, and various government officials, Claudio Norita took his oath to faithfully discharge his duties as DFEMS commissioner.

"It's always an honor when you're called to public service," Norita said in an interview following the ceremony.

## Fourth oath-taking

Norita was appointed commissioner by Inos last March and was confirmed by the Senate on Friday.

Prior to this, Norita also served as executive director of the Criminal Justice Planning Agency and special assistant to the Department of Public Safety.

He was also an executive director of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. He was elected to the 14th CNMI House of Representatives and was then appointed DPS commissioner in 2008.

## Firehouses and firefighters

In his speech, Norita talked about the firehouses in the CNMI as well as the firefighters manning them.



Claudio Norita takes his oath as the first commissioner of the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services before Gov. Eloy S. Inos at the Fire Station in Susupe yesterday. Also in the photo are Norita's stepmother, Rosa Lazaro, extreme left, mother Julia Norita, and his son, firefighter Cody Norita.

"I am proud to tell you that every firehouse is manned. They are manned by firefighters who live regular lives like the rest of us," he said.

He encouraged the public to visit the firehouses in the CNMI to get to know the people behind the department.

On Saipan, there are 78 firehouses for six firehouses. Tinian and Rota have one firehouse each.

"This and every firehouse is your house. *Mi casa, su casa*. Please stop by and say hello," Norita said.

He reported that all firefighters are EMT certified. Ninety-six percent of them have already administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation, while 35 percent helped deliver at least one baby.

But still, the department is looking forward to hiring at

least 10 more firefighters under their 2016 budget.

"There's a lot that needs to be done. Now that we're an independent department we are able to look at the goals that we can achieve, and look at our resources and go find specific resources for fire and EMS," he said.

## Independent

With the fire department being

independent, Inos is hoping that it will result in faster response time.

"Now this fire department is independent of public safety operation, which means they

## More funding needed for Customs, Propst says

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Division of Customs personnel remain the lowest-paid government employees and the department needs more funding for it to continue its campaign against illegal drugs in the CNMI, particularly methamphetamine or "ice."

Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) said he met with officials of the Division of Customs and Department of Public Safety last week to discuss what the two agencies' need in their ongoing fight against illegal drugs.

He acknowledged that funding has always been a concern for the two departments, particularly Customs.

"Customs [staff] are the lowest-paid among government employees. We will try to help them be at a level with the police and pay them adequately, considering that they are at the frontline," Propst said.

He said there currently no estimates as to how widespread "ice" is, but the DPS and Customs agree that the problem is "staggering."

"We see high school students, some as young as 12 to 13 years old being sold 'ice.' The problem has become very serious," Propst said.

As far as legislation is concerned, a proposal is now being drafted for a bill to address selling "ice" to minors, he said.

Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-

will operate their own budget and there's a benefit to that," Inos said.

"Hopefully that will result in faster response. They're doing well in the area of EMS, they're responding well to emergency calls, any kind of assistance," he added.

When asked what his specific instruction to Norita was, Inos said, "Put out that fire."

"It's always an advantage when you control your own funding. It does eliminate the layers of bureaucracy that might be involved," Norita said.

But for the new commissioner, DPS is still a critical and vital partner in first-response. He also acknowledged that even though DFEMS got separated, they are still "under the shadow of our mother department."

"We have to work together like Siamese twins. We might be separated financially or budget-wise but in response, we're together out there," Norita said.

"I want to assure everybody that the separation from DPS will not hamper the services that we are providing, both ambulance and fire protection service," he added.

## LEAC to be renamed 'fuel adjustment clause'

With its goal of better explaining the alphabet soup in one's power bill, utility regulators will rename the leveled adjustment clause, or LEAC rate.

The Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission ordered yesterday by unanimous vote, among others, to change the "LEAC" to the "fuel adjustment charge," or FAC.

This after the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. request-

ed the change out of reported puzzlement and questions from customers.

According to written testimony from CUC consultant Robert Young, one of these questions was, "What is this leak (sic) charge on my bill, I do not have any electric leaks!"

CPUC chair Joseph Guerrero said after considering both CUC reports on customer confusion as well as their own consultants'

opposition to the name change, he thought it "wise to support changing the name" of the rate.

"Fuel is the primary drive of this charge" and the others that make up the charge are "nominal," he said.

CUC counsel James Sirok reported that about 95 percent of the fuel adjustment charge relates to fuel.

In addition to this order, CPUC also extended the util-

ity's authority to make adjustments to this charge.

As they have done over the last year, CUC will continue to adjust the fuel adjustment charge in the event that oil prices drop or rise. If this change equals or exceeds a 4.5 difference in CUC's average per gallon cost of fuel, CUC can adjust the charge to reflect the higher or lower prices. (Dennis B. Chan)

## DFW conservation officer is acquitted

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho acquitted yesterday Division of Fish and Wildlife conservation officer Marvin Rodney Pangelinan, who was accused of poking a finger on the neck of a female cashier and then throwing six unopened beer cans at her for confronting him at Payless Supermarket in Chalan Kanoa last Feb. 22.

In a bench trial, Camacho found Pangelinan not guilty of two counts of assault and battery and a count of disturbing the peace.

Camacho found the alleged victim not credible based on her demeanor.

The judge said the most the prosecution could prove is that Pangelinan and the alleged victim had an argument about "customer service."

Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds called to the stand three witnesses: the alleged victim, a co-worker, and responding police officer David Rabauliman.

After the government rested its case, assistant public defender Matthew Meyer, counsel for Pangelinan, moved for a judgment of acquittal. Camacho granted the motion.

Camacho said the alleged victim testified that Pangelinan poked or touched her on the side of her neck, that Pangelinan invaded her personal space like he

was going to bite her, and that later at some point threw six packs of beer at her.

The alleged victim said she was hit in the stomach and the beer cans fell on her feet, then Pangelinan yelled at her.

Camacho said on Meyer's cross-examination, the alleged victim described herself and admitted that sometimes she lies and sometimes she tells the truth, and that she cannot remember the details of her meeting with the defense lawyer last week, but she remembers the incident several months ago.

With respect to the co-worker's testimony, Camacho said the witness testified that she was away from the store counter and that by the time she

returned she saw Pangelinan and the alleged victim in some kind of argument.

The judge said the most the co-worker could testify to was that Pangelinan asked "why" and said some words and then she heard cans being thrown and falling down.

Pertaining to Rabauliman's testimony, Camacho said other than follow-up investigations, the officer gave very little information on the case other than he pursued the license plate number and met with the defendant.

Camacho said the most statements that could be elicited through Rabauliman's investigation was that Pangelinan stated he's sorry, that according to the judge "as to what that's exactly is not clear."

Saipan) said he is in the process of finalizing a campaign to further combat the proliferation of "ice."

The lawmaker said it seems to be easy for the distributor, drug dealer, or trafficker to get "ice" to the user.

Children are accessing the drugs and the problem is getting out of hand as indicated by a lot of crimes that are linked to "ice," Igisomar said.

He said it is his intent to "suppress" or "block" this "direct access" between the dealer and the user through an education campaign and outreach programs to parents and children.

The campaign will involve a "drug court" and rehabilitation centers as well as the Department of Public Safety and the Division of Customs on the enforcement side.

A drug task force, which might require funding, is also being eyed.

Igisomar particularly noted that a drug court has already been endorsed and is only awaiting the necessary funding for it to be established.

He said the campaign will work in such a way that the drug court will work with the rehabilitation center to prevent users from going back to using drugs.

Propst said he fully supports the creation of the drug court.

"In the war against 'ice,' it is good to note that lawmakers are united," Propst said.



# Disbarred lawyer Quichocho, wife file for bankruptcy

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Disbarred lawyer Ramon K. Quichocho and his wife, Frances, have filed for bankruptcy in the Western District of Washington.

Because of the bankruptcy filing, U.S. District Court for the NMI Senior Judge Alex R. Munson suspended Thursday the proceedings related to Jung Ja Kim's motion to go after the couple's assets in order to collect on a court judgment that holds the Quichocho couple liable to pay Kim \$2.8 million in damages.

Kim's motion asked the court to summon the Quichocho couple and force them to reveal information about their assets and those that were transferred while Kim's racketeering lawsuit against them was ongoing.

At a hearing on Thursday, Munson informed the parties that the court has received a copy notifying it of the Quichochos bankruptcy filing.

Attorney Robert Torres appeared as counsel for Kim. Attorney Michael Dotts represented the Quichochos. Attorney Stephen Nutting stated his appearance as counsel for investor Sin Ho Nam, who asked to be allowed to intervene in the matter.

In his declaration filed last month, Quichocho says he is now self-employed and works as a truck driver in Tacoma, Washington, and that due to his financial hardship he cannot afford to make any payments to Kim.

Quichocho said he can possibly make \$50 payments per month until his financial condition improves.

Quichocho made the declaration in support of his and his wife Frances' joint opposition to Kim's motion for order in aid of judgment.

In Kim's motion, Torres said that Quichocho transferred 10 parcels of land on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to his brother, Ignacio, supposedly for \$30,000, while his and wife's jury trial were ongoing in federal court.

That case eventually ended up with the Quichocho couple being held liable to pay \$2.4 million in damages to Kim. The court recently awarded Kim \$387,791.15 in damages, costs, and attorney's fees. The award brings to \$2.8 million the total amount that the couple is liable to pay Kim.

Torres also revealed that on Aug. 27, 2014, after the entry of final judgment in Kim's case, Quichocho quitclaimed an additional two parcels of property on Rota consisting of 8,077 square meters to his uncle, Joaquin Q. Atalig, for just a dollar.

The Quichochos opposed Kim's motion. Quichocho and Dotts asserted that the first transaction was for valuable consideration (\$30,000) that the couple needed because Quichocho had

essentially been forced to close his law firm on Saipan so he could defend Kim's lawsuit.

Quichocho and Dotts said there was no judgment or lien at

the time of the first transaction and, as it was for value, it would be improper for the court to now set it aside.

As for the second transac-

tion, Quichocho and Dotts said this occurred about five months after the first transaction and happened to settle another litigation.

"Neither the first nor the second transactions were to defeat the interests of a creditor. The transactions were fair and legitimate. They were for

value," they said.

The trial in Kim's racketeering lawsuit began on Feb. 3, 2014. On March 28, 2014, the jury reached a verdict.

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# Energy: Windmill project not 'abandoned'

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REPORTER

Despite challenges over the last several years, the CNMI Division of Energy, under the Department of Public Works, says they have not abandoned the stalled windmill turbine project at Saipan Southern

High School.

Division of Energy director Thelma Inos told *Saipan Tribune* that two turbines spinning freely at the school remain a safety concern. The division is looking to fix this before they can commission the turbines.

"We have not abandoned this project. Yes, from Day 1 it has

been a big issue and a challenge, but we are still hopeful we can make it work. We are working with [the Department of Education] as well," she said.

According to Energy, the project, which initially started in 2011, was delayed over U.S. Fish and Wildlife's concerns over the reed warbler in the

area. It took two and a half years before the project was given the go-ahead again. This after a "mitigation action plan" was developed.

In 2013, the turbines were installed but never commissioned. According to Inos, the contractors of the project delayed completion repeatedly past the point

where the grant period for the project had ended.

Inos said they met with the Attorney General's Office last year over the issue. She said the contractor then appeared agreeable to getting the project done, with both agreeing on a "punch list" of things to be completed. The company, though, has since missed its March deadline.

Inos said they are hopeful, with the bonding agency for the project, to avoid litigation against the company.

According to Inos, they are working on getting another contractor to finish the project.

Originally, the project had developed out of former SSHS principal's Craig Garrison's interest in renewable energy.

As reported in 2011, the Division of Energy gave PSS approximately \$2.4 million from the \$6.5 million it received from the U.S. Department of Energy for renewable projects for the completion of this project.

The project was awarded to Pacific Green Integrated Technology Inc. and Pacific Wind & Solar LLC.

In addition to the windmills, the 95 solar panels from this project are working, according to Energy.

## PEACE

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Buniag was presented with the \$500 check by 70th Liberation Day organizer Skywalker Communications and Hofschneider yesterday at the mayor's office in Oleai.

She said she came up with the slogan after reflecting on the CNMI's culture and history.

"It is a melting pot and we shouldn't separate from each other. We should use our strength and work together. We need to create peace and use this as a benefit to strengthen our community," she said.

This year's celebration also already has a logo.

Skywalker Communications business director Elvis Yu said they've already decided on the 70th Liberation Day logo design, which he described as youthful, diverse, modern, and focuses on the festivities and the tropical paradise that is the CNMI.

Hofschneider said they will advertise the logo so that the community would become familiar with it.

The China-based creative firm that will be handling this year's 70th Liberation Day also announced that there will be a \$10,000 grand prize for the raffle this year—the highest prize in the history of the event.

With regards to the Liberation Day Royal Court, Hofschneider said they are still inviting young women to sign up for the com-



JAYSON CAMACHO

Signifying the CNMI, the 2015 Liberation Day logo represents the sunshine, the palm trees, the fireworks, and the ocean. Aimed at creating more peace and diversity, the logo for the festivity is color-marked for paradise, culture, youth, and modernization.

petition, which is set from June 27 to Aug. 16.

"We have close to six weeks ahead of us so there is a lot of preparations right now," he said.

The 2015 Liberation Day Royal Court contestant criteria is 15 to 25 years old female, not married, no children, a CNMI resident for at least six months, and of good moral and ethical character.

Yu said there aren't any limitations to the number of participants for the contest.

"We invite every woman 15 to 25 years of age to sign up for this year's royal court," Hofschneider said.

Each candidate may have individual sponsors to assist with the costs of competing and each candidate will have the ability to

sell Liberation Day raffle tickets to raise funds and host other various approved fundraisers.

Ten percent of each of the candidates' total fundraising proceeds will go to the candidate.

This year, one of the region's leading independent auditing firms will lend its expertise to the 2015 Liberation Day Committee with the verification and counting of the official Liberation Day raffle tickets.

Applications for the 2015 Liberation Day Royal Court are now available at the Saipan Mayor's Office or email liberationcnmi@gmail.com. Deadline to apply is on Friday, May 15, 2015.

Yu said Skywalker Communication is about more than

50 percent complete with their preparations for the 70th Liberation Day.

"We still have to do many more things. Later we will publish the proposal for sponsors, donors, vendors, and performers. We're still working on the whole package and maybe next week we might start the announcement," Yu said.

Yu conceded that they have not set a budget limit nor the costs of preparations for the Liberation Day festivities.

Liberation Day chair Chris Leon Guerrero said he is excited for this year's event and hopes that everything works out between the collaborating agencies. He also hopes to organize a diverse celebration that will top past Liberation Day festivities.

## CPUC

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that there is a reasonable and immediate need for the interim rate relief requested by CUC?" They unanimously voted "nay" to this.

The commission consultants, Georgetown Consulting Group, had argued against the surcharge in their testimony. They pointed out that there is already allotted \$1.8 million for this debt repayment in a stipulated agreement between them and CUC.

During their meeting yesterday, this was commission chair Joseph C. Guerrero's "biggest concern."

"Why have none of those monies been paid to CDA? Should those be returned to the public if they have not been repaid?" he said.

"All of the buckets in any rate case are just that, they are buckets that should not be leaking toward other bucket," he

explained.

On the need for immediate relief, commissioner Dave Guerrero said "as a matter of transparency," they should go through the exercise of presenting information to the public on this rate change.

Approving this charge on an immediate need basis would not have allowed for a public hearing.

Dave Guerrero said they don't want to "pass something without the proper research and reflection on the record."

CPUC chair Joseph Guerrero was also authorized to execute an order memorializing this decision.

An expedited review of this surcharge request was further granted. This was delegated to the commission's hearing examiner.

This means that the debt service surcharge, which essentially continues an infrastructure surcharge that expired in April, may still be approved.

## 'We are not double-dipping'

In an interview, CUC executive director Alan Fletcher sought to clarify the \$1.8 million reserved in their rates that Georgetown alleged they had ignored.

"That is not exactly accurate," he said.

"We will be filing information to Georgetown's responses so we make it very clear to the public that we're not double-dipping," he said.

He explained that the 2013 accord CUC and Georgetown Consulting agreed to in 2013 did include \$2.8 million in CDA debt service.

But just before the decision, when CPUC would have issued the final order, CUC withdrew \$2.4 million of the stipulated revenue increase in "standby charges."

"Our newly formed CPUC decided that they didn't support that," explained Fletcher.

Also, CPUC did not approve some \$600,000 in non-

rate revenues that were part of the agreement between CUC and Georgetown.

The result, said Fletcher, was that CUC only realized \$100,000 in additional revenues.

"In the Georgetown report, they did not say all the information. They just say what was stipulated to, but not what the end result was," he said.

Meanwhile, with that "small amount" garnered from the previous rate case, they have not received up to \$5.9 million from government agencies this past fiscal year, he said.

"We build more than we collected," he said. "That's why we feel we need this surcharge target to debt service alone."

This way the debt service monies are not intermingled with operational funds; instead they remain exclusively for paying CUC debts.

"How can we expect our customers to pay us if we do not pay our debts?" he asked.

## BSI

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"training school" at the Bank of Guam before being deployed at the temporary casino in T Galleria.

"We are not having any problems with the hiring, and I wish we had more. A lot of people are coming into the office asking about hotel jobs," said BSI chief executive officer Mark A. Brown said.

He said a majority of the applicants are seeking hotel-related jobs.

"Right this moment, majority [of the applicants] are not dealers. I want more dealers," Brown said, adding that Best Sunshine will be paying trainees to deal at \$7.25 per hour.

Brown said locals are encouraged to avail of the training and if they don't like it, at least they will get paid for undergoing the training.

"We will train you, and you will learn how to deal at \$7.25 an hour. And I'm telling you, you will love it," Brown said.

At least two lawmakers are encouraging local residents to give the Best Sunshine opportunity a try.

Rep. Joseph Lee Pan Guerrero (R-Saipan) said locals should commit to that first step and apply for the casino jobs.

"They should not be intimidated. This is an opportunity," Guerrero said.

Rep. John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan) earlier said he is particularly worried about the low turnout of local residents applying for jobs posted by Best Sunshine.

"I met with some of the management of Best Sunshine and from what I gathered, there were only a hundred applicants," Sablan said.

Sablan said he is "concerned" with the low turnout. "Where are our manpower, how come they are not applying for job opportunities?" Sablan asked.

"I want to encourage all locals to apply, whether as a dealer, a bellhop, an attendant, a receptionist, or a waiter," Sablan said, noting that he does not want the economy to "collapse" due to a manpower shortage.

"Our locals are not as aggressive as they should be [in applying for the jobs]," Sablan said, adding that he wants locals to "not be discouraged."

## MURDER

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two hours, the jurors reached a unanimous verdict finding Wabol not guilty of aggravated murder.

In July 2013, the Multnomah County Circuit Court declared a hung jury after the jurors were deadlocked.

Portland police arrested the then-52-year-old Wabol in Oregon in February 2012 for the murder of 29-year-old Myong Su Cho, who was shot after an armed robbery at the Plaid Pantry near the Portland State University campus on Jan. 18, 1980.

Cho was as employee of Plaid Pantry and was a student at Portland State University.

The investigation grew cold due to the few leads that were available at the time. Then police didn't have the technology to identify suspects by DNA.

In 2011, Portland Police Cold Case Homicide Unit investigator Dennis Baker, a retired detective, reexamined the case

and submitted evidence to the Oregon State Police Crime Lab.

Prosecutors said a makeshift mask found near the crime scene was submitted to the Lab and that DNA on the mask came back a match to Wabol.

Wabol's DNA was reportedly already in the system due to his prior conviction for hitting a man with a hammer in Washington County.

In January 2012, a Multnomah County grand jury indicted Wabol on two counts of aggravated murder with a firearm over the killing of Cho.

At the new trial, the defense reportedly argued, among other things, that there were five people, including Wabol, whose DNA was found on the mask.

According to the prosecution, Wabol, who was 20 at the time, was also a student at Portland State University and stayed near the Plaid Pantry.

Wabol reportedly left Saipan after graduating from high school in 1979. On Saipan, he is more popularly known as Isidro and not Antonio, according to his brother.





DENNIS B. CHAN

Public School System officials, teachers, and staff stand outside the Board of Education room after proclaiming this week "Support Our Heroes-to-Teachers Week" in honor of those in PSS involved in the U.S. military.

## PSS honors 'troop-teachers'

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The Public School System proclaimed yesterday the week of May 11 to May 15 as "Support Our Heroes-to-Teachers Week" at the CNMI State Board of Education conference room.

Their goal is to show support to those in its Heroes-to-Teachers program, its Leadership Corps, those in the U.S. Guard or Reserves, JROTC instructors, and student enlistees deployed throughout the world.

Board chair Herman Guerrero signed the proclamation in front of a crowd of PSS staff with yellow ribbons pinned on their shirts in support of those in military service.

According to federal programs officer Tim Thornburg, about three to four individuals in the PSS "Heroes to Teachers" program join the "pathway" of teaching.

"We started this in 2006 and it looks like we are going to continue it," said Thornburg.

"I am thankful that every year we see three to four of our heroes earn a bachelor's degree and become classroom teachers—and that's one of the goals of this program. It's a non-traditional pathway but it's becoming now a traditional pathway to becoming a classroom teacher," he said.

Guerrero acknowledged the service members for protecting the freedoms of the country and the rest of the world.

"We appreciate that you have chosen the Public School System as a profession. It's a different mission but I'm sure it is very difficult at times," he said, adding that they would find this mission "satisfactory and wonderful," in "sharing your experiences with our kids."

"We congratulate all of you, and salute all of you for being

a member of the PSS family," he said.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan thanked PSS staff for putting together a host of activities for this week.

Marianas High School principal Cherlyn Cabrera said their student exit surveys every year show 1 in about 4 students say they want to join the military.

"When they come home I'm glad they have programs intact" for them to pursue, she said.

The Heroes-to-Teachers program used to be called the Troops-to-Teachers Program. It was renamed in May 2012.

From school year 2007-2008 until today, PSS high school exit surveys reflect 20 to 30 percent of graduating seniors entering the U.S. military.

PSS also recently saw an increase in the number of high school students who enlist with the military prior to graduating this summer.

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Starting menopause (the "change of life") after age 55.

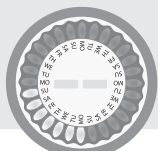


Having children after age 35 or never having children.



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## Lifestyle



Get at least 4 hours of exercise each week.



Keep a healthy weight, especially after menopause.



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## Other Risk Factors



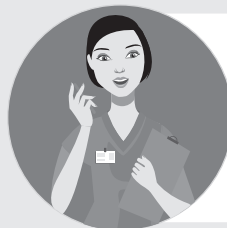
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# CHC will soon retire its 30-year-old A/C system

By JAYSON CAMACHO  
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Health Center will soon retire its more than 30-year-old air-conditioning system, according to Division of Public Health and Hospital Emergency Preparedness program director Warren Villagomez.

He said the hospital's new heat, ventilation, and air-conditioning system is already 65 percent complete and when it finally comes online this June, the hospital will finally realize cost-saving measures on its utilities, a better climate-controlled environment for patient safety, and a more efficient A/C system.

Villagomez said the new HVAC system will also address concerns of past surveys by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that the hospital has been constantly cited for.

JWS Air Condition and Refrigeration Ltd.—which was contracted for the HVAC upgrade in May 2014—is working in the evening or after operation hours to complete the HVAC project.

"Everything is coming along smoothly and we continue [working on the project] every night and pretty much full force in the evening. It starts at 4:30pm and it goes full throttle [until] usually around 2am," Villagomez said.

JWS is already done with the Division of Public Health Services area, and is now at the clinical ward of the hospital.

Villagomez said that they would start on the rooftop at a later time.

"After everything else is finished in the clinical ward, there is going to be test runs," he said.

JWS installed ceiling fans and secured installation fittings

for all the units of the first floor in November last year.

The immunization and dental clinic area had already been retrofitted with a blower unit, one of the bigger improvements since the start of the project.

CHCC will be looking at a cost savings of between 28 and 34 percent and potentially a major cut in the hospital's current power bills, Villagomez said in an earlier interview.

CHCC so far has been paying the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. more than \$400,000 to \$500,000 in utility bills every month.

In an earlier interview, Villagomez noted that they are also changing the north and south elevators that were earlier cited by CMS. As for the other citation—the fire pump—the hospital has staff assigned to monitor it constantly to make sure that safety isn't compromised.

# Piano concert raises \$1.2K for Chuuk

The 7th Annual Piano Concert of Yonsei Academy raised a total of \$1,234 for Chuuk, which early last month saw Typhoon Maysak rip through the island and displace more than 5,000 people.

School instructor Youngmi Han personally delivered the money raised to press secretary Ivan Blanco, who grew up in Chuuk.

Yonsei Academy said the money raised for the concert will primarily benefit the children of the island. It is also planning to send packages of rice by ship to Chuuk in June. Han said rice is most needed to those who have lost their homes.

The 7th Annual Piano Con-

cert was held last May 2 at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

The event was divided into two sections: 1st-6th grade beginning at 5pm and 7th-12th grade beginning 7pm.

In the second section of the concert, the performers were medalist from the Guam Tumon Bay Music Festival and Guam Symphony Young Artist, piano battle, piano duet, CHC music service group "Rapah," and the Saipan Junior Choir.

Starting from the beginner's level to advanced level piece *Warsaw Concerto*, played by Cloency Chua, it was very emotional and a well-orchestrated

performance, according to Han.

The event also saw the debut of the Saipan Junior Choir. The group, which started rehearsing in October, sang the Korean folk song *Spring in My Hometown* and John Rutter's *The Lord Bless you and Keep you, and Les Champs Elysees*.

"It was a very memorable concert as I saw the happiest smiles on students' faces. Learning has no age bar. I believe that their goals will be fulfilled when they work hard and keep going forward to their dreams," said Han.

Serving as masters of ceremony during the 7th Annual Piano Concert were You Na Lee and Seunguk Chi. (PR)



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Press secretary Ivan Blanco is presented with a \$1,234 check as donation for the children of Chuuk. The money was raised at the 7th Annual Piano Concert of Yonsei Academy.



# Ex-convict arrested for allegedly twice entering house

A man, who was slapped with a nine-month prison term for entering a home and traumatizing a female minor in 2013, was

arrested again last week for allegedly twice entering another house in Garapan.

Macpeterson C. Tipengeni, 22,

## Guam gay marriage case won't wait for US high court ruling

**HAGATNA, Guam (AP)**—A lawsuit challenging Guam's same-sex marriage ban will move forward later this month after a federal judge decided against postponing it until after the U.S. Supreme Court rules on gay nuptials this summer.

But U.S. District Court of Guam Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood gave Guam's governor and the department that denied a lesbian couple a marriage license some extra time to work with a private attorney, the *Pacific Daily News* reported Friday.

That's because Guam's attorney general has taken a different position from Gov. Eddie Calvo, saying the U.S. territory should issue marriage licenses to gay couples.

Attorney General Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson appointed a local attorney to defend Calvo and the Office of Vital Statistics registrar because she will not do so.

Loretta M. Pangelinan and Kathleen M. Aguero, both 28, sued April 13 after the registrar refused them a license because Guam law defines marriage as a union between two people of the opposite sex.

The couple based their lawsuit on a 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision in favor of same-sex marriage. The U.S. District Court of Guam falls under the 9th Circuit.

If Guam allows gay marriage, it would be the first U.S. terri-

tory to do so.

In a statement Friday, Calvo said he told his administration to prepare for two possible outcomes from the Supreme Court case: a ruling saying states have the right to define marriage, or one recognizing same-sex marriage as a fundamental right.

If it's the former, discussion on the matter likely will continue in the Guam, the governor said.

"I believe it will open up the opportunity for further conversation so that the true will of the people can be reflected in our laws," Calvo said. "And as ardent a defender as I have been for our local law as currently written, I will be as ardent in defending any new law, if that is the will of the people."

In his statement, the governor also took a jab at another civil rights issue—the right of island citizens to be able to vote for president.

He said the island's same-sex marriage law is "being challenged by federal judges that were nominated by a U.S. president and confirmed by a U.S. Senate, none of whom were elected through a process that included the people of Guam."

Guam residents are U.S. citizens, but they don't have the right to cast ballots for president. The territory elects a delegate to the U.S. House, but the delegate may not vote on legislation. Guam has no representation in the U.S. Senate.

a native of Chuuk, was arrested for burglary and disturbing the peace. His bail was set Friday at \$10,250 cash. Preliminary hearing will be on Wednesday at 9am.

Police detective Daniel T. Joab stated in his report that a woman called the 911 emergency line on Wednesday at 6:37pm after she saw a man in her backyard looking into her kitchen window.

Joab said a police officer responded to the house, where he met the woman, who stays alone in a fenced residence.

The victim told the officer

that she was taking a nap on the sofa when she heard a noise in the backyard and saw a man. She shouted at the man, who then immediately climbed over the 10-foot fence to the other side of the house.

The woman also disclosed that a day before, Tuesday, at 10pm while she was working on the computer in the living room, she saw the same man trying to enter her house. She shouted at the suspect, later identified as Tipengeni, to close the door and he walked away.

On Thursday, while two police

officers were making a routine patrol in Lower Miha, they saw Tipengeni lying on the ground near an abandoned house.

The victim was brought to the location, where she identified Tipengeni as the man who entered her house twice.

Joab said Tipengeni admitted to police that he entered the house because he was looking for food.

Police learned that Tipengeni's aunt also filed a complaint after he burglarized her house last Feb. 17.

In September 2013, Associ-

ate Judge David A. Wiseman sentenced Tipengeni to a nine-month prison term for entering a hotel staff housing in China Town, Garapan in the early morning hours on New Year's Day in 2013, traumatizing a 13-year-old girl.

According to the plea deal, in the early morning hours of Jan. 1, 2013, Tipengeni unlawfully entered the residence of a family. The couple's 13-year-old daughter was awakened by the noise, saw Tipengeni inside her home, and became extremely frightened. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



### ACCOMPLISHED KIDS

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Michail Villagomez and Elizabeth Nicole Camacho are joined by their parents, retired Department of Public Safety officer Mike Villagomez and retired Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School principal Charlotte Camacho, and other relatives after being inducted on May 7, 2015, into the National Junior Honor Society at Supai Middle School in Scottsdale.



Lucky Mr. John Sapu, was on his way home from work last Saturday and stopped by Hanam Supermarket to get something for dinner. As a regular player he bought three Lucky 7's scratchies as he was leaving. While he was eating his dinner he played his Lucky 7's games and nearly choked when he hit the \$1000 JACKPOT! Mr. Sapu is pictured on the right receiving his \$1000 JACKPOT prize. There are plenty of \$1000 jackpots to be won. Good luck to all the players from NMSA!

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  - A) Call to Order
  - B) Roll Call
  - C) Presence of Quorum
2. **New Business**
  - A) Review Applicants for Chief Position
3. **Miscellaneous**
  - A) Other Matters
4. **Adjournment**

If you have any questions, please call the Parole Office at telephone number 664-3300 or 3302.

/s/ Jonathan T. Tenorio  
Acting Chief, Board of Parole



# Boost for cultural producers' rights, cultural industries in Fiji

**SUVA, Fiji**—Understanding and improving intellectual property rights and protection for cultural creators and producers is the focus of a four-day training workshop under way in Suva, Fiji, this week.

New songs, fashion designs, crafted products, dance moves and paintings all emerge from

the creative minds of cultural producers in Fiji and throughout the Pacific.

Piracy, unauthorized use of designs and other intellectual property infringements are significant threats to both the livelihood of individual artists and to the creative industries sector as a whole.

Creators, producers and re-

tailors of cultural products, government representatives and intellectual property enforcement officers are taking part in the training, made possible by the European Union-ACP funded 'Enhancing the Pacific Cultural Industries: Fiji, Samoa and Solomon Islands' Project.

The workshop is co-orga-

nized by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, the Fiji Department of Heritage and Arts and the Fiji Arts Council.

"The aim is to improve understanding of intellectual property laws in Fiji and recognize the impacts of piracy, potential gaps in existing intellectual property

legislation and other issues of intellectual property rights infringements on the Fijian cultural industries," SPC Culture Adviser Elise Huffer said.

"It's also looking at helping producers understand their intellectual property rights, the processes involved in enforcing their rights and how to use the existing system, such as trademark registration, to enhance their business," Huffer said. "Participants have clearly indicated the need for all parties to work together to address infringements and improve the working conditions of artists."

European Union Deputy Head of Delegation Johnny Engell-Hansen said: "The EU believes that the protection and enforcement of intellectual property is crucial to the ability to stimulate innovation and to compete in the global economy. Intellectual property rights such as patents, trademarks, designs, copyrights or geographical indications enable inventors, creators and businesses to prevent unauthorized exploitation of their creations, and in return, to get compensation for their efforts and investment. These have been important contributors to European competitiveness and they also apply to Pacific countries."

Among the guest speakers is Patricia Adjei, Indigenous Communications Coordinator and Legal Officer from Viscopy, an organization based in Australia and New Zealand dedicated to supporting visual artists' ability to protect their intellectual property rights. SPC and PIFS and Viscopy are discussing the possibility of establishing a partnership to assist visual artists in Fiji and beyond.

Increasing knowledge and developing strategies for enforcement of legislation by relevant legal institutions is also among the objectives of the training which is co-facilitated by Pita K. Niubalavu, SPC's Intellectual Property consultant.

The regional project recognizes the contribution of cultural industries to Pacific economies and works to strengthen their position in the economy. It is implemented through a partnership between SPC, PIFS and the European Union.

The workshop, Fiji Cultural Industries Training: Intellectual Property Rights and Protection, is being held at SPC's offices in Nabua.

A similar workshop will be held in Samoa later this year in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports. **(SPC)**

## Hellery Jacinto: Chelu's new photographer

By **THOMAS MANGLONA II**  
CORRESPONDENT

Hellery E. Jacinto has always wanted to become a photographer since he was a child. He has successfully pursued that dream and is now Chelu Photos' new main photographer.

The 38-year-old comes with a wealth of experience in the field. From shooting photos in his hometown in the Philippines to the streets of Qatar, Jacinto told *Saipan Tribune* that he finds great joy in capturing moments with his Nikon D700 camera.

"My favorite kinds of photos are wedding, food, and event photos," he said. "I enjoy taking photos and capturing memories, so I decided to pursue this career as professional photographer."

During his time on the islands, Jacinto hopes to explore the islands' natural beauty and

picturesque mountains to take landscape and portrait photos.

"Of course, I came here to earn a living as professional photographer at the same time giving quality and awesome photos to all clients," he added.

Jacinto specializes in commercial, glamour, wedding, architectural, and fashion photography.

The new main photographer joins three other photographers and two videographers in the business.

Jacinto urges island youth to pursue photography as a profession and reminds aspiring photographers that "you don't need to buy expensive gear."

"Remember, it's not the camera that takes great pictures but the person behind it. Learn the functionality of your camera, do lots of trial and error, don't be afraid to shoot, and most importantly, to have fun."



Hellery E. Jacinto is Chelu Photos' new main photographer. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, Commander, Joint Region Marianas and Defense Representative for Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia and Republic of Palau, and FSM delegates take a group photo after their meeting. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

## FSM-US Mid-Joint Committee Meeting held at JRM

**ASAN, Guam**—Joint Region Marianas hosted a delegation from the Federated States of Micronesia as well as the U.S. Ambassador to FSM to provide

a defense and security update called a mid-Joint Committee Meeting on April 29 at JRM Headquarters.

The working-level meeting

was held in preparation for a Joint Committee Meeting later this year to be held in Pohnpei. This is the first time a meeting like this has been held in Guam.

Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, the U.S. Defense Representative for FSM, the Republic of Palau, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana

Islands, welcomed the group Wednesday morning.

FSM's delegation included Deputy Secretary of Foreign Affairs Samson Pretrick, Ambassador to the U.S. Asterio Takesy, the President's Chief of Staff Leo Falcam Jr., Secretary

of Justice April Skilling, Governor of Chuuk Johnson Elimo, Lt. Gov. of Pohnpei Marcelo Peterson and Lt. Gov. of Yap, James Yangetmai.

The lead American representative was U.S. Ambassador to FSM Doria Rosen. **(JRM)**



# PRTI honors ESFDB Jr. High Mock Trial team



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Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja Junior High Mock Trial Team. Front row, from left, are Marjorie J. Banaag, Jeremy John Atalig II, and Tyra Reese A. Calvo. Back row, from left, are Angelo S. Lucero, Joshua James Puerto, and Raimundo Y. Manglona.

Every lawyer got their start somewhere.

For local young people, it might have been events such as this year's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Junior High Mock Trial hosted by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council on April 18 at the Guma' Hustisia in Susupe.

This year's case is a fictitious murder trial, *Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands v. Quinn Siguenza*. Police detective Quinn Siguenza has just been indicted by a grand jury for the murder of a suspected drug dealer, Vinson Perez. Perez was gunned down in an alley behind a local bar. Eyewitness testimony and forensic evidence claimed Siguenza was the murderer. However, other eyewitnesses claimed other individuals may have been involved. Each team argued their case before a real judge.

Though it is non-competitive, Eskuelan San Francisco de Bor-

ja and students from nine other schools were each recognized by the judges.

Students from Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja that were recognized for superior achievement for their role as defense attorneys are Tyra Reese A. Calvo, Angelo S. Lucero, and Marjorie J. Banaag.

Joshua James O. Puerto, Jeremy John Atalig II, and Raimundo Y. Manglona were recognized for their role as defense witnesses.

Aside from the Northern Marianas Humanities Council recognizing the ESFDB students, the Pacific Regional Training Institute/U.S. Army Child, Youth, and School Services out of Hawaii also recognized the students for their outstanding achievement.

"I saw these students in action in their school Facebook and they were nothing short of awe-inspiring," said Col. Jon

Takamura of the U.S. Army Judge Advocate Corps. "I witnessed a commitment to excellence I don't often see in high school students. I salute the attorney and teacher coaches for their excellent job."

"I hope that the school continues their participation in this valuable educational program. It offers students an opportunity for personal growth and achievement, emphasizing the importance of research, presentation, and teamwork," said Capt. Ford Ebesugawa.

"These students have achieved something very impressive with their performance during the Junior High Mock Trial event. It helps the students with public speaking and teaches them critical thinking," said ESFDB administrator/principal Carmen H. Atalig. "Not only were they recognized for their outstanding performances but they earned a good grade for their performances. It's an in-

valuable experience."

"They've represented our school and Luta community very well. I am proud of the achievements of these God-given talented students," added Atalig.

"I was the bad police detective," said 6<sup>th</sup> grade student Raimundo Y. Manglona. "I found out what it was like to be on trial. It was intimidating to have people present all kinds of negative evidence against you. It was actually quite amazing. I enjoyed my time and a lot of fun."

"I participated three times. And in those times, I had been recognized outstanding witness and attorney," said 8<sup>th</sup> grade student Tyra Reese A. Calvo. "I want to thank Mr. Ed [Maratita

Jr.], our lawyer coach, for believing in me and showing me my potential to be a lawyer someday."

The Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja Junior High Mock Trial team had been preparing for the event since January this year.

The Junior High Mock Trial event was ESFDB's culmination of a 12-week class conducted by Army Judge Advocate General Corps attorney coach Capt. Edward Maratita Jr. and assisted by teacher coach Mary Rose Lucero.

"During the 12-week class, there was a lot of reading, they had a long packet of information to read before the junior high mock trial, and I am very

proud of them because they were focused and disciplined," said Maratita, who is also the ESFDB board chairman. "The students had a sense of how the judicial system works. Next year we're hoping to get more student participation in the junior high mock trial classes to build around for the future."

The administration, faculty, and students would like to express their appreciation to the NMI Humanities Council, Superior Court judges and Supreme Court justices, Pacific Regional Training Institute Legal Counsel Division (Hawaii), Arlo Lucero, and to the parents for their encouragement and support. (ESFDB)



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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Open discussion on 'Integrated Resorts'

John Gonzales LIVE will feature the topic "Social and Economic Impact of Integrated Resorts" on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 on TV Channel 14 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. It will live open discussion and those who would like to participate may contact the show via email at johngonzaleslive@gmail.com or text 285-META (6382). The show will be replayed on Monday, May 18, and Tuesday, May 19, same time, on Channel 14. (PR)

### Japan Consulate to offer class on Japanese culture

The Consular Office of Japan in Saipan will organize a class about Japanese culture on May 28, 2015, from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. Anyone interested must register their name by Monday, May 25, 2015, by contacting cojsf@ag.mofa.go.jp.

The class—which will be held at the Consular Office of Japan's conference room on the second floor of the Bank

of Hawaii Building, Mariana Heights Business Park, Puerto Rico, Saipan—will be open to just 15 people on the first-come, first-served basis. Participants will be taught Origami (paper folding), Japan video topics, etc. (PR)

### MHS to issue report cards on May 14

Marianas High School will be distributing its 4th quarter mid-progress report cards on May 14, 2015, at the MHS Dolphin Gymnasium from 4pm to 6pm. This is a great opportunity to talk to the teachers about your child. See you there! Should you have any questions or need to make an appointment to see your child's teacher, call the Main Office at 237-3206/5. For news and information about our school, check out our website at www.marianashighschool.com. (MHS)

### Survivors, caregivers support meeting on Thursday

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Com-

monwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2015, starting at 5:30pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com or cca@ccamarianas.org. (CCA)

### MINA announces the 2015 Green Gala

This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance. To help celebrate the organization's birthday and raise funds for its work to preserve and protect the CNMI's environment and biodiversity, MINA is excited to announce The Green Gala 2015 scheduled for Sept. 4, 2015. It promises to be an evening of great entertainment, food and beverages, and the annual silent auction. Tickets will be available starting June 1, 2015, at the MINA office and from MINA members. Call 233-7333 with any questions, to purchase your tickets, or to learn how you can become an event sponsor. (MINA)



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## EDITORIAL

### Buck it!

At the recent White House Correspondents' Dinner where it is traditional for the President to roast journalist and vice-versa, Obama revealed that he is often asked what is on his bucket list. Obama named a list and responded with "Buck it!" Parental permission advised if Googling the term!

Moviegoers will recall a Rob Reiner movie called *The Bucket List*, with two terminally ill men on a road trip to do their wish list before they kick the bucket! "Bucket list" meant those things we hold dear and would do everything within our powers to perform before we keel over!

The "buck it" phrase is reminiscent of Harry Truman who displayed a sign on his desk clearly defining the line of responsibility. "The buck stops here," it said. He made final decisions, one of which occurred three months after he assumed the top WH office and let loose the power of uranium fission and plutonium implosion over the skies of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Oswald C. Brewster, an engineer who helped separate the uranium isotope, changed his mind about the bomb after Germany's defeat. He wrote Truman: "This thing must not be permitted on Earth. We must not be the most hated and feared people on Earth, however good our intent may be."

Brewster's lone voice in the wilderness proved prescient on this side of the nuclear arms race. We may not be the most feared people on Earth but being the most hated is close.

Ironically, the absence of any word of remorse by Shinzo Abe in his address to Congress is reminiscent of the U.S. absence of contrition after the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Neither love nor hate of what Franklin Delano Roosevelt began as the New Deal that defined a broad-based coalition in politics and enlarged the federal government's role in U.S. affairs is the intent here.

It is to underscore decision making in the American understanding that is based on "We the people," and if formal structures of governance no longer reflect the will "of the people, by the people and for the people," and the exercise of voting on elections too lengthy between intervals, a recourse to a "parliament of the street" accommodates warm bodies on the front lines. Either method is very red-white-and-blue.

FDR died a good 70 years ago in 1945, and the third VP, Missouri farmer Harry Truman, ascended into an unfamiliar role. FDR was such a decisive figure that Garner, his VP for the first two terms, turned against him when FDR acceded to a third term, getting indecisive liberal Henry Wallace as VP.

This is neither to glorify FDR and/or Harry Truman. It is to remember that popular referendum do not always hold water, e.g., the vote against casinos on Saipan. Nor decimating the turtle eggs and the *tutut* on Tinian and Pagan per the EIS' design a decision that popular choice will unmake. The EIS hearings are genial to local opinions but uniformed personnel will exercise the "buck stops here" option, regardless of local sentiments.

The parliament of the street may be the only local remaining recourse. Buck it!

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## First Mother's Day without a mother

"Orphan" is a very empty word, starting with the initial "O" that reminds me of a big, alphabetic hole. It conjures up images of loss, of being rootless, of unwanted and untenable liberty. When I think of "orphan," I think of something flying around in the great human universe, searching for its home.

Today, I'm an orphan. That sounds silly, given the fact that I've been able to vote for over 35 years, which means I'm a very big girl. I pay taxes, own (33. percent of) a house, take the train by myself and even know how to defrost things. Oh, and I recently became co-owner of a bison that was originally advertised as a Black Lab puppy.

But as sure as the earth travels around the Sun in an eternal, interstellar *pas de deux*, I'm an orphan. My mother died last August.

It took me a while to use the actual word "died," or any of its variations. For months, I'd say "she passed away," as if I was standing by the curb and her blithe spirit brushed up against me, turned the corner and disappeared from sight. I preferred to think of her dissolving into the light at dusk, with bits of her swirling and glittering and staying with me like errant particles of affection. I couldn't bring myself to imagine her gone, in the dark ground, because she hated the suffocating dark. She was all morning, and fresh, and always sweet smelling. Saying "she died" cancelled those images from my mind.

But lately, I've been able to say the word "died" without feeling as if I'm losing her from my life. Yes, I'm now orphaned of her physical presence and the comforting, girlish voice that never deepened with age. I used to say it was a voice without wrinkles. Yes, I don't wake up to her sitting at the kitchen table with a cup of coffee, watching one of her beloved gardening or cooking or house hunter shows, and she doesn't come to the station to pick me up in the evening. We don't take those long Sunday drives anymore, barely making conversation in that silent intimacy only loved ones can appreciate.

I'm physically alone. And since I'm not married and never had children and lived with her for more than half a century, that solitude is a raw gash on my heart, nine months on.

But as I face the prospect of my first Mother's Day in 53 years without a mother to coddle, buy for, hug and adore, I am forcing myself to salvage what joy I can, in memory.

One of my favorite lines of poetry, if not my favorite, comes from Wordsworth's "Intimations on Immortality." It's probably everyone's favorite, accessible and yet otherworldly, but it always had a heightened significance for me because of the flower imagery: What though the radiance which was once so bright/Be now forever taken from my sight/Though nothing can bring back the hour/Of

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Splendor in the Grass/Of Glory in the Flower/We will grieve not but, rather, find strength in what remains behind"

I disagree, respectfully, with Wordsworth. You cannot tell someone who has lost the center of their world to "grieve not." It's like saying to the Earth "stop orbiting." Both are equally unnatural, and unlikely.

But I'm down with all the rest, especially the part about finding strength in memory.

I miss the feel of my mother's hands, but I remember how it felt to walk with her when she picked me up after my first day in kindergarten. I was proud to be a big girl in my plaid jumper, strutting my stuff for all to see ... until we came to that big intersection and that hand around my own squeezed tightly as if to say "you're mine, little girl. You're safe."

I long to smell her impossibly sweet skin, but there's a reasonable facsimile of bliss if I spritz Halston's or White Shoulders in the air around my head and breathe as if my life depended on it (and truth be told, it sometimes does.)

I wish there were more recordings of that pixie voice I could listen to, but there's an old Memorex tape from 1976 made by my somewhat sadistic father during Hurricane Belle, his attempt to capture our excitement and fear and bravado. In the process, he recorded my mother, bustling around the kitchen of our rented home, oblivious to the impending storm and yelling in frustration at three messy little boys who wouldn't pick up their toys. That's the mother I remember, dismissive of a hurricane and her own force of nature.

I'm an orphan of these tactile sensations, of the superficial and beloved things that made my mother, my mother.

But then again, I am a product of all the things that existed beyond and within and around the beautiful presence of Lucy Flowers. Her legacy is more than what little can be squeezed into an obituary, or photo albums, or fragile ribbons of Memorex.

And last Sunday, it kept me company and I heard deep within the shell of my ear: I'm here.

You can forget what I said about orphans.



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CNMI PERSPECTIVES

Inert bombs are *safe*

By MARJORIE ANNE C. DARIA  
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They say it is for our safety. They say it is for our own good. The U.S. military says the ground for training with live-fire weapons on Tinian is to ensure global peace. There will be environmental casualties, but hey, casualties happen all the time. Henceforth, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement lists several *significant* impacts on the environment, using a spectrum of live-fire weapons, one of which to include “inert bombs.” Inert bombs, some people have claimed, are safer than regular bombs. After all, the dictionary definition of “inert” means *safe* or *stable* or *harmless*. The U.S. military PR can try to convince us locals as much that inert bombs are safer. Desperately so, they need us to agree. But we must be forewarned that if the grassroots campaigns for the No Action Alternative prove successful, higher up officers have in mind to sneak in amendments to Title 10, Section 2664 on Property Acquisition (page 1,577). The locals must be distracted and not see this coming. “Let’s get them to agree with bombing the area, but tell them, they are *inert* bombs. *Inert* means.”

Let’s get to the technicality of inert bombs. Inert bombs are mainly made up of sand and cement. You would probably ask, “Hey, we use those for everyday things. How bad can they be?”

We can Google how bad inert bombs can be, and like what all types of bombs can do, the result is the same—they destroy, wreak havoc, and cause damage... even if they are just made up of sand and cement.

So you’re saying “It can get bad? How so? The military says they are safe.” Let me use an analogy on the hot pepper plants that grow wild on the northern two-thirds of Tinian. On the plant, hot peppers are relatively harmless. By itself, *without* any interaction with the environment, the pepper plants are harmless. The pepper plants are *safe* to look at. Now, say, someone decides to go out into the jungle to pick these pepper plants. The experienced collector knows that direct contact with the peppers will produce an itchy, burning sensation on her hands. To prevent direct contact, she wears gloves or wears plastic

bags over her hands. Sometimes, on other days, she’ll rub oil on them so that the capsaicin (the chemical found in peppers and spicy substances) does not get absorbed into her skin. Otherwise, it will cause damage, and she will be stuck for the next hour or two with that itchy, hot, burning and uncomfortable sensation over her hands.

So let’s look back to inert bombs. They are made up of sand and cement. They are harmless. When you chemically mix these with much more dangerous chemicals, it changes the nature of the sand and cement, so that it becomes something else entirely. Like the hot pepper plant left alone in the jungle, the inert bomb is safe. When you allow the inert bomb to interact with something else (like the hot pepper in direct contact with your hand), what result do you expect? For the collector without using precaution, the capsaicin interacting directly with her skin causes that uncomfortable, burning sensation. When you use sand and cement and mix it in with more dangerous chemicals, and then you alter the temperature and pressure of its environment, that inert bomb can cause damage, as those seen via inert bombs in Iraq that penetrated fortified bunkers, without “collateral damage.”

Inert bombs are much *safer* than regular bombs, because they are more target-specific. In fact, in 2009, the Israeli air force used inert

bombs (40 MK-84 inert bombs, 40 MK-82 inert bombs, 40 BLU-109 inert bombs, 40 MK-83 inert bombs—U.S. weapons sold to Israel in June 2004) to strike the homes of terrorists. These terrorists’ homes were completely obliterated (I’m assuming the terrorists themselves were in that home and whoever else lived with them!), but hey, these *bombs* are *still safe* to use, because there were no blast or fragmentation damage to the houses next door! Please see photo.

Let’s talk about a more specific inert bomb: DIME bombs. DIME for Dense Inert Metal Explosive. These inert bombs were used in Israel, and an article (R. Whitaker, 2009) from *The Independent* detailed the injuries caused by this *inert* bomb on individuals unlucky enough to be hit within 10 meters of their target. “It was as if they had stepped on a mine, but there was no shrapnel in the wounds. Some has lost their legs...looked as though they had been sliced off. I have been

to war zones for 30 years, but I have never seen such injuries before.” This was a comment made by Dr. Erik Fosse, a physician who worked in Gaza’s hospitals. Dr. Fosse and fellow physicians had difficulty treating the patients, whose symptoms they attributed back then to mysterious causes. Even when they treated the symptoms, the physicians were ill-equipped to do much more in treating its cause, and many who came in contact with the blast didn’t have an entry wound. As it turns out, the metal used in this *inert* bomb, tungsten, has the effect of shrapnel, but when it comes in contact with human tissue, the tungsten dissolves into the skin, leaving no marks on the outside, but causing all kinds of damage inside. The article by Whitaker also described a 14-year-old boy who died from something that caused a small puncture wound in his head, but caused extensive damage to his brain. Dr. Ahmed Almi says, “I don’t know the nature or type of these weapons that make a very small [entry wound] and go on and make massive destruction in the tissues.”

So, what do you say, Tinian? Inert bombs are safe. A whole range of inert bombs. Just don’t be within 35 feet of them.

Want to know more about what else is happening? Attend every one of these events, sponsored on behalf of the core women on Tinian, working to promote the “No Action Alternative” as stated on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Stemming from a grassroots level, these women advocate for peace and prosperity for themselves, their families and friends, and for future generations. Please be kind to them and sign their petition to stop the destruction of two-thirds of Tinian at [www.tinyurl.com/StopIslandBombing](http://www.tinyurl.com/StopIslandBombing).

Also, let us acknowledge how incredibly wonderful the Tinian women have been for working so hard, especially considering the long hours and many nights they’ve spent strategizing around a certain mahogany table at the Tinian Municipal Council. We salute them for their courageous hearts, strong voices, creative minds, and willing spirits.

CNMI PERSPECTIVES

The impending militarization of the Commonwealth

This is an occasional addendum to the Saipan Tribune’s Opinion section, soliciting the viewpoints, opinions, and thoughts of experts, academics, and members of the public on a specific topic.

Time	Day	Date (2015)	Location	Add'l Comments
8:30am - 2pm	Sunday	May 10	Tachogna Beach 1 <sup>st</sup> Pavilion	Rain or shine
4:30pm - 5:30pm	Tuesday	May 12	Huangshun	Rain or shine
4:30pm - 5:30pm	Thursday	May 14	Lucky Quiang	Rain or shine
4:30pm - 5:30pm	Tuesday	May 19	Long Feng	Rain or shine
4:30pm - 5:30pm	Thursday	May 21	SN-5 Gas Station	Rain or shine
4:30pm - 5:30pm	Tuesday	May 26 <sup>th</sup>	3K Store	Rain or shine
4:30pm - 5:30pm	Thursday	May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mobile Gas Station	Rain or shine
All Day	Friday	May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Agricultural Fair	Rain or shine
8:00am Mass	Sunday	May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Catholic Church	8am Sunday Vigil Walk followed with donuts and coffee at the Tinian Public Library. If you have a laptop, please bring it with you.



Photo courtesy of Thomas Wictor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Transit bus is very important for us

Almost 60 percent of our people, including our guest workers in the CNMI, use the \$3 taxi 24/7. These guys make more money than the metered taxicabs. From 12am onward they charge \$5. Some driver asks that you pay first, saying “no pay, no ride.” If they get into an accident their passengers are not insured. Besides, some of there drivers do not speak English well. Can you imagine how much money we are losing in tax revenue for our government from these illegal taxis? Yet our lawmakers can’t seem to see this longstanding problem.

I remember way back when the garment factory workers were here. At that time they had thousands of employees working in difference factories. During their days off, many of these garment factory workers would spend their time at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino and would pay \$3 going to and \$3 coming from the Port of Saipan. The president of the metered taxicabs association, Mr. Rabby Syed, complained but no action was taken.






I wish our lawmakers can see this longstanding problem and establish the transit bus system that our tourists and residents could both enjoy and ride on.

Teddy Guiao  
Lower Navy Hill, Saipan

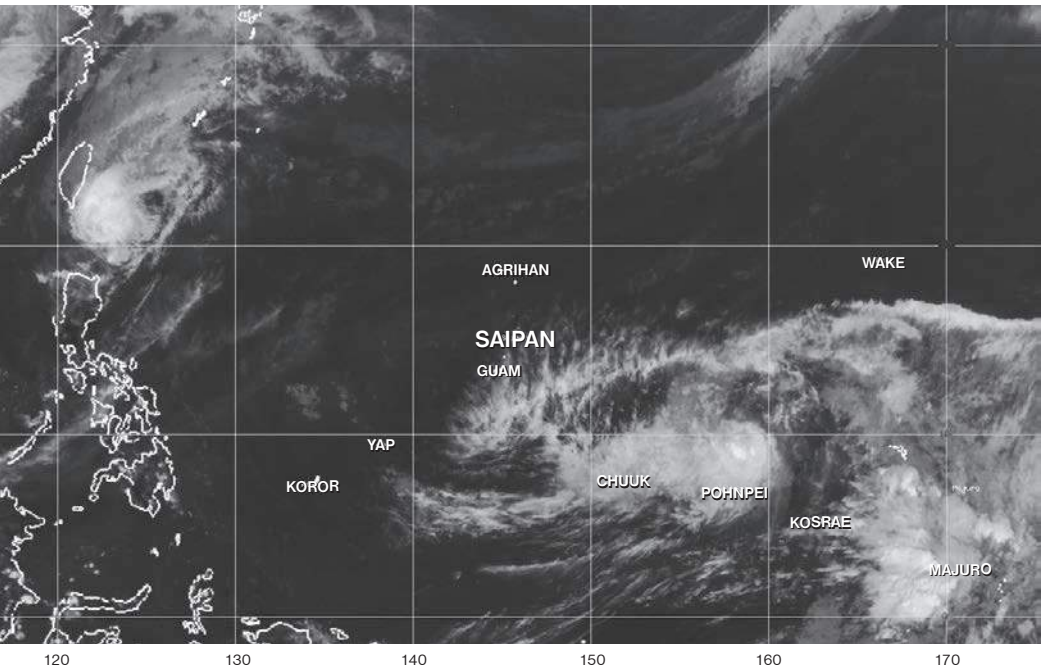


# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly sunny with isolated showers. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy and windy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy and windy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy and windy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.
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## Yesterday's Satellite Image



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Dolphin (07W) is centered about 185 miles north-northeast of Pohnpei near 9N160E moving north-northwest at 9 mph with maximum sustained winds of 45 mph. Numerous showers and a few thunderstorms are seen just north of Pohnpei between 7N and 10N from 156E to 161E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen farther out from the center and towards the west between 6N and 12N from 151E to 161E. For more information on Tropical Storm Dolphin, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW and the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ32 PGUM. Convergence northeast of Tropical Storm Dolphin is generating scattered showers north of Kosrae within 150 miles of a line from 14N159E to 9N168E. A monsoon trough meanders eastward from 1N130E to Tropical Storm Dolphin at 9N160E then heads east-southeast to beyond 2N180. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are present southeast of Yap within 50 miles of a line from 6N140E to 7N149E farther east. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found east of Kosrae and near Majuro east of a line from 8N170E to 5N163E to EQ170E. A cold front curves westward through 25N150E to 24N142E back through 25N at 133E. Scattered showers are seen along and up to 75 miles north of the front.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼80
Palau	Showers	▲89	▼80
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼81
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Thunderstorms	▲63	▼57
Beijing	Windy	▲83	▼52
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼78
Honolulu	Windy	▲80	▼70
London	Partly Cloudy	▲65	▼47
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲76	▼57
Manila	Thundershowers	▲94	▼78
Melbourne	Showers	▲59	▼44
Miami	Thundershowers	▲86	▼75
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼66
Osaka	Rain	▲71	▼60
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲73	▼48
Pusan	Rain	▲68	▼59
Rome	Sunny	▲79	▼59
Salem	Showers	▲60	▼48
San Francisco	Windy	▲58	▼48
Seoul	Windy	▲66	▼54
Tokyo	Showers	▲73	▼66
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼69



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- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- \*11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.com](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.com)

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
3:33 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
9:45 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet
2:35 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
9:26 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	5:50 AM	6:37 PM
Wednesday	5:50 AM	6:38 PM
Thursday	5:50 AM	6:38 PM
Friday	5:49 AM	6:38 PM
Saturday	5:49 AM	6:39 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	12:49 AM	12:53 PM
Wednesday	1:37 AM	1:51 PM
Thursday	2:25 AM	2:49 PM
Friday	3:13 AM	3:47 PM
Saturday	2:01 AM	4:46 PM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:15pm	3:55pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	12:55pm	1:45pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:05pm	3:55pm	2, 4	UA5077	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 5
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:15pm	2:50pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:20pm	3:55pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL297	4:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ623	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	10:55am	4:25pm	3, 5, 6
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	3, 4	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ624	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
7C3401	5:25pm	9:10pm	3, 5, 6				
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:00am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:30am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:55pm	3:10am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
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OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, ,3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
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UA5078/179	3:05pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM	UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:40pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
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# Sablan eyes bill to expand school zones, speed limits

A bill by Rep. Vison Sablan (Ind-Saipan) is seeking to expand school zones further and lower speed limits for CNMI schools.

The lawmaker said the bill seeks to amend the existing law on school zones and speed limits, particularly for schools that are located in the north side of Saipan.

The bill is now at the Legislative Assistant's Office and will be published online on the Legislature's website.

"We are seeing an increase in activity by tourist buses,

and rent-a-car vehicles passing through these schools," Sablan said.

The concern, he said, is that some designated bus stops are sometimes outside the school zones. "The bill will seek to push school zone limits to be in place with passing bus stops with children," he said.

The danger is that vehicles often slow down within the school zone, only to speed up outside of it, where the bus stops are, Sablan said.

"The school zone speed limit

is a law, but will not apply to bus stops outside the school zone," he also noted.

Aside from the bill, the lawmaker also said he plans to write

letters to tour operators, and inform them of the rules on school zones.

"These buses do not have 'How's my driving?' signs or

phone numbers. And often, operators use this 'communications barrier' as an excuse," Sablan said. "We do not want to wait until an accident happens."

Sablan also said he will reach out to the Department of Public Works to "rectify" broken school zone lights on some schools in the north side. **(Joel Pinaroc)**

## Navy EOD safely disposes of old sea mine on Saipan

The Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 5 Det. Marianas conducted a controlled burn of a Japanese sea mine on the morning of May 9.

After Joint Region Marianas received a request for assistance from CNMI Gov. Eloy S. Inos, six EOD technicians flew from Guam to Saipan on May 7.

Detachment officer-in-charge Lt. Nick Matics and senior chief explosive ordnance disposal warfare specialist Brian Fitzgerald investigated the sea mine and identified it as a World War II Japanese Type 93 JB sea mine containing 220 lbs of explosives. Due to the sensitivity of the mine, Matics and Fitzgerald advised the local government that it was unsafe to transport and advised local agencies that a controlled burn was the safest method to deal with the mine in its location.

Over the next 24 hours, the team worked diligently with the support of the government and local agencies to set up barriers around the mine in order to protect personnel and property in the event that the explosives detonated during the operation.

On the night of May 8, after all physical protective barriers had been set, local law enforcement evacuated the immediate area. At 3:40am the next morning, the EOD technicians conducted a controlled burn of the sea mine. After confirming that it was safe to transport, the team prepared the mine for movement to a predetermined location where they conducted a final disposal of any remaining hazards.

### Garapan back to normal

Saturday morning, an all-clear condition was given after officials from the U.S. Navy EOD team, the Department of Public Safety, and the CNMI Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management successfully managed to deactivate an old sea mine, which was found after being excavated at the Imperial Pacific construction a couple days ago in Garapan.

The discovery temporarily halted work at the site, which

once was the location of the Samoan housing project. The procedure to remove any hazardous risks from moving the mine from the site required the closure of CPL Derence Jack St. and Beach Road in front of the site towards the Bank of Guam intersection as a precaution, and was carried out at a time where pedestrian traffic was absent.

After four hours, the mine was officially ruled a threat no longer, and the area was officially returned to its normal state at 6am.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, and Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres, wish to thank the CNMI Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management for working closely with public safety departments, as well as the Navy's EOD team in quickly assessing the conditions, and expediting the process of returning this portion of our tourist district back to normalcy. **(PR)**

**MANGILAO, Guam**—The University of Guam's spring 2015 commencement ceremonies will recognize 339 prospective graduates, the largest graduating class in a single commencement since UOG established fall and spring ceremonies in 1999.

Of the expected graduates, 280 will receive undergraduate degrees and 59 will receive graduate degrees. The spring 2015 commencement ceremonies will be held at 2pm on Sunday, May 24, 2015, at the UOG Calvo Field House.

"This commencement will be amongst the most memorable in UOG's history," said UOG president Dr. Robert Underwood. "A record number of graduates will receive their diplomas; the creativity of Frank Rabon will be recognized; a native son-entertainer named David Cruz will make a return visit; and Jim Obergefell, a historic litigant in the Supreme Court marriage equality case, will be telling his story. It is great time to be at UOG."

The commencement speakers will be Jim Obergefell and David Cruz III. A resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, Obergefell's landmark case on same-sex marriage is currently being heard by the U.S. Supreme Court. *Obergefell v. Hodges* challenges a state's



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David Cruz III, media personality and cast member of Bravo's *The Millionaire Matchmaker*, is a featured speaker at the UOG spring 2015 commencement ceremonies May 24.

refusal to recognize same-sex marriages from other jurisdictions and a state's refusal to license same-sex marriage.

David Cruz III is a former Guam resident who is a cast member and Matchmaker on the hit Bravo TV show, *The Millionaire Matchmaker*. He is the founder and creative director of FindingCupid.com, a lifestyle website dedicated to all things love. The



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Jim Obergefell, left, and his late husband John Arthur, right, were married on an airport tarmac in Maryland. Obergefell's case on same-sex marriage is currently being heard by the U.S. Supreme Court. Obergefell is a featured speaker at the UOG spring 2015 commencement ceremonies May 24.

success of his website led to the development of Finding Cupid Radio which airs on the Universal Broadcasting Network in Hollywood. The radio show features Cruz as a host and showcases celebrity guests, writers, and singers.

The university will also be conferring an honorary Master of Creative and Traditional Micronesian Knowledge to Fran-

cisco "Frank" B. Rabon for his work as the director of *Guma Taotao Tano* and his contributions to Chamorro dance.

Attendance for UOG spring 2015 commencement ceremonies is by ticket only. Graduating students are encouraged to pick up their tickets at the Admissions office and to call 735-2214 for more information.

For more on the University of Guam spring 2015 commencement ceremonies visit [www.uog.edu](http://www.uog.edu). **(UOG)**

## » 339 expected to graduate, most in UOG history



### NEW HONORARY CONSUL

Philippine Consul General to Guam Marciano De Borja, sixth from left, poses with newly sworn in Philippine honorary consul for the CNMI Glicerio Arago, seventh from left, Friday at the Philippine Consulate General in Hagatna, Guam. Also in photo are Consul Edgar Thomas Q. Auxillian, third from left; United Filipino Organization president Mario Mayuga, fourth from left; and UFO PRO Annamae Adaza, fifth from left. As honorary consul, Arago can help process reports of birth and other documents for Philippine nationals in the Northern Mariana Islands, but not including passport renewals.

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# Business

## Greece back as a headache for improving eurozone economy

**LONDON (AP)**—It may only account for 2 percent of the eurozone economy but Greece has a habit of punching above its weight when it comes to bruising the currency union.

And there are fears it could be once again posing a threat to an otherwise burgeoning recovery.

Official figures on Wednesday are expected to show that the 19-country eurozone grew by 0.4 percent in the first quarter of 2015 from the previous three-month period. That's up from the 0.3 percent recorded in last quarter of 2014 and would be the eurozone's highest growth rate since the second quarter of 2013, when it emerged from its longest-ever recession.

In the first quarter, Germany, Europe's biggest economy, is expected to have led the way, its export-heavy economy prospering from the fall in the value of the euro—Europe's single currency has fallen to near a decade-low against the dollar in the wake of the European Central Bank's decision to launch a 1.1 trillion-euro (\$1.2 trillion) monetary stimulus. Low oil prices, less stringent budgetary policies around Europe are also helping to shore up the recovery.

Other bright lights include Spain, one of the countries at the forefront of the region's debt crisis over the past few years that



**AP**  
A Greek national flag flies in the city of Athens, Friday, May 8, 2015. Greece's prime minister Alexis Tsipras said Friday he is optimistic his cash-strapped country will soon reach an agreement with its international creditors, averting a potential default.

has gained plaudits from European policymakers for reforming its economy, particularly the labor market. Economists think those efforts are now bearing fruit.

"We think that if you look at the current situation in the eurozone it is about as close to being the dream scenario backdrop as anyone could have realistically hoped a year or more ago to

help to kick-start a meaningful recovery," said Ben May, leading eurozone economist at Oxford Economics. May is predicting growth of 0.8 percent, which would be a four-year high and easily outpace levels recorded in the U.S. or Britain, two of the top-performing developed economies over the past year.

Beyond the first quarter, how-

ever, May concedes that Greece's crisis, on top of slower global growth, could mean this is another "false dawn" for the eurozone.

Recent reports suggest that's possible. Business confidence

and retail sales across the eurozone have taken a dent, while surveys of managers suggest business activity has peaked, meaning growth in the rest of the year may not pick up as

much as hoped.

"While it is encouraging that the recovery is becoming more broad-based across the euro area, there are clearly still pockets of vulnerability, with Greece an obvious source of concern," said Timo del Carpio, European economist at RBC Capital Markets, who is forecasting eurozone growth of 0.5 percent in the first quarter.

The headline growth rate, whatever it is, will mask the likely fall back into recession of Greece barely a year after it emerged from one of the developed world's deepest downturn since World War II. Last week, the European Union slashed its projection for Greek growth this year to just 0.5 percent from 2.5 percent previously—assuming Greece secures a deal with creditors that will help it pay off debts.

## US economy rebounding with solid if unspectacular job gains

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Rebounding from a dismal start to the year, the U.S. economy added 223,000 jobs in April, a solid gain that suggested that employers are helping fuel a durable if still subpar recovery.

The job growth helped lower the unemployment rate to 5.4 percent from 5.5 percent in March, the Labor Department said Friday. That is the lowest rate since May 2008, six months into the Great Recession.

The figures provided some reassurance that the economy is recovering from a harsh winter and other temporary headwinds that likely caused it to shrink in the first three months of the year. Yet the bounce back appears to be falling short of hopes that growth would finally accelerate in 2015 and top 3 percent for the first time in a decade.

Most analysts foresee the economy growing about 2.5 percent this year, similar to the mod-

est expansion typical of much of the 6-year-old recovery.

In its report Friday, the government revised sharply down its estimate of March's job gain to 85,000 from 126,000. In the past three months, employers have added 191,000 positions, a decent total but well below last year's average of 260,000.

"Job growth is going from great to good," said Michael Feroli, an economist at JPMorgan Chase.

One reason the economy hasn't accelerated faster is that overseas economic turmoil is still restraining growth. A stronger dollar, which makes U.S. goods more expensive overseas, has cut into factory production. Manufacturers barely added jobs for a second straight month. And last year's plunge in oil prices has led drilling companies to lay off thousands of workers.

Investors breathed a sigh of relief Friday because the figures

suggested an economic rebound from the January-March quarter—but one not so explosive as to likely cause the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates from record lows anytime soon. The Dow Jones industrial average soared 267 points to close up 1.5 percent.

The unemployment rate is nearing the level the Fed considers healthy. Yet many other signs suggest that the job market isn't fully recovered. The number of full-time workers, for example, fell in April while the number of part-timers jumped more than 400,000 to 27.7 million—a half-million more than a year ago.

The increase came from Americans who said they preferred part-time work, the report said. The number of part-timers who want full-time jobs declined 100,000 to 6.6 million. That's still above pre-recession levels.

## Mitsubishi recalls cars for faulty defrosters, headlights

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Mitsubishi is recalling more than 130,000 cars because of two separate issues that could lead to reduced visibility for drivers and raise the risk of a crash.

Nearly 77,000 cars are being recalled because the windshield defroster might fail as a result of a faulty blower motor. The cars

affected include Lancer model years 2009 to 2011, Lancer Sportback model years 2010 to 2011, Lancer Evolution model years 2010 to 2011 and Outlander Sport model year 2011.

About 53,400 cars are affected by the other recall. Mitsubishi says head lights, tail lights and windshield wipers may not

work because of an unstable electronic control unit. The affected cars include Lancer model years 2009 to 2010, Outlander model years 2009 to 2010, Evolution model year 2010 and Sportback model year 2010.

Mitsubishi says it will notify owners, and dealers will replace the affected parts for free.

## Be firm with employee whose negativity affects co-workers

**Q: One of my employees is killing morale in our group. "Ron" makes disparaging comments about everything, including his fellow team members. This constant criticism is so discouraging that people talk about quitting just to get away from him.**

**I have tried to improve Ron's attitude by regularly praising his job performance. I involve him in decision-making to make him feel more important. To help him see the value of teamwork, I have given him leadership roles. Unfortunately, none of this has made any difference.**

**The more encouraging I try to be, the more critical and pessimistic Ron becomes. At this point, disciplinary action looks like the only remaining option. Can you suggest any other ideas?**

**A:** Let's take a moment to review this situation. Ron is so insulting and judgmental that colleagues are now plotting their escape. But instead of firmly directing him to stop, you compliment him, consult him and provide leadership opportunities. Do you realize you are actually rewarding the very behavior which you hope to eliminate?

Based on this approach, you appear to fit the profile of a "therapy manager." Therapy managers believe that if they are sufficiently caring and

### YOUR OFFICE COACH

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sympathetic, defiant employees will respond by becoming pleasant and cooperative. Unfortunately, this kindness is typically interpreted as weakness, and the anticipated transformation never occurs.

To have any hope of changing Ron's demeanor, you must first modify your own management style. Start by clearly describing his problematic behaviors, then make improvement non-negotiable.

For example: "Ron, we need to have a conversation that I have put off for much too long. While you certainly have some valuable skills, your constant criticism is very discouraging to other team members. I'm going to give you some specific examples, then we will discuss your plan for changing this behavior."

If Ron makes a sincere commitment to reform, you can help him develop an improvement strategy. But if he responds in his usual negative manner, proceed to formal corrective action.

**Q: About 10 days ago, I**

**interviewed for a job that I desperately want. Although the manager was quite encouraging when we talked, I have heard nothing since then. He planned to fill the position quickly, so I'm afraid this silence means I've been rejected. Now I'm beginning to lose hope and don't know what to do.**

**A:** You appear to be suffering from "applicant anxiety syndrome." One telltale sign of this disorder is the illusion that time is passing extremely slowly. Ten days can feel like an eternity to someone waiting for a job offer, but on the hiring end, that's not very long at all.

Applicants need to realize that they know nothing about what's happening inside the organization. Timelines given by interviewers are often optimistic, and delays can occur for many reasons. So just hang in there and try to distract yourself with interesting activities. If you have still heard nothing in a couple of weeks, you may politely inquire about the status of this position.



# Nation

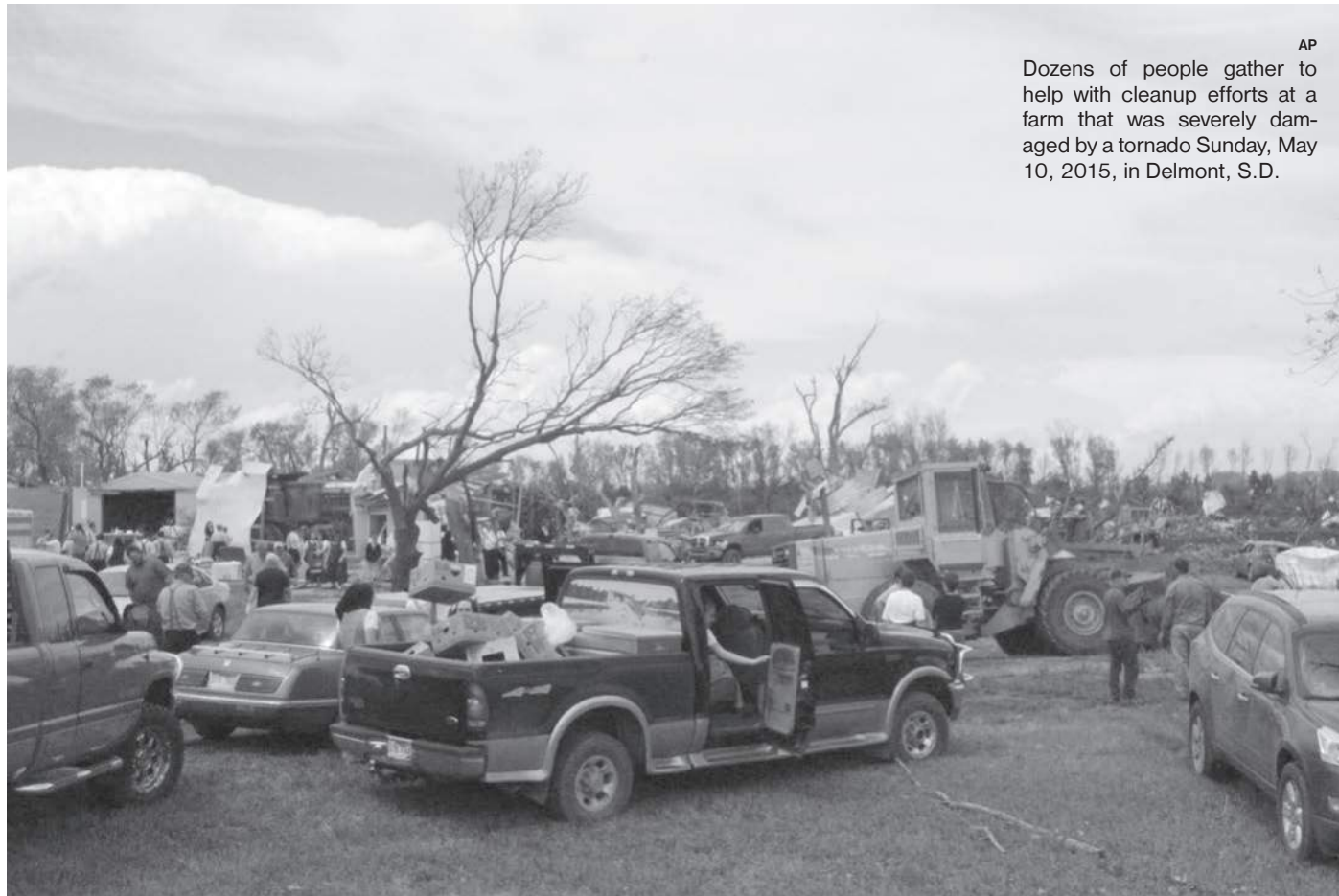
## From Rockies east, severe weather casts a wide net

South Dakota was the center of weather extremes Sunday, with a tornado damaging a small town and injuring at least nine people on the eastern side of the state and more than a foot of snow blanketing the Black Hills to the west.

Parts of several Great Plains and Midwest states were in the path of severe weather, including Texas, which saw at least two likely tornadoes. At the same time, a tropical storm came ashore in the Carolinas, and wintry weather affected parts of Colorado.

Tropical Storm Ana made landfall near Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on Sunday morning and was downgraded to a tropical depression by Sunday afternoon. The storm's maximum sustained winds were at 35 mph, and it was expected to move over eastern North Carolina on Sunday night.

In South Dakota, Gov. Dennis Daugaard said nine people were injured Sunday morning when a tornado tore through the tiny town of Delmont—about 90 miles from Sioux Falls. None of the injuries was life threatening and seven of the nine had been treated and released from the hospital, Daugaard said. There were no fatalities.



AP  
Dozens of people gather to help with cleanup efforts at a farm that was severely damaged by a tornado Sunday, May 10, 2015, in Delmont, S.D.

South Dakota Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Kristi Turman said about 20 buildings were damaged and the town has no water, power or phones. The town was evacuated, authorities said.

"Our house is flat. There is nothing left," said Stephanie Lunder, 34, of Delmont. She was with her husband and four children in the basement when

the storm hit. The tornado heavily damaged a church where children attending Sunday school were forced to retreat to the basement, residents said.

In Texas, a likely tornado late Sunday night hit the small city of Van, about 70 miles southeast of Dallas, according to National Weather Service senior meteorologist Eric Martello.

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Fire Chief Jeff Hudgens said Van sustained "some significant damage" to "multiple homes" and said agencies were responding to confirmed injuries. The number of people hurt and the extent of their injuries was not immediately clear.

Earlier in the day, another likely tornado ripped roofs off buildings and damaged trees near Denton, about 40 miles northwest of Dallas, according to National Weather Service meteorologist Tom Bradshaw. There were no immediate reports of injuries or fatalities.

The area also experienced torrential rains that led to widespread flash flooding. Authorities in Denton County said Sunday that two groups of people had to be airlifted by helicopters to safety.

About 100 miles west of Fort Worth, people in the sparsely populated ranching and farming community of Cisco were left to clean up from Saturday's tornado that left one person dead and another in critical condition. Cisco Fire Department spokesman Philip Truitt said the two people were near each other.

## Governor says nuclear plant fire produced Hudson oil slick

**BUCHANAN, N.Y.** (AP)—Part of a New York nuclear power plant remained offline Sunday after a transformer fire created another problem: thousands of gallons of oil leaking into the Hudson River, officials said.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said emergency crews were out on the water near Buchanan trying to contain and clean up transformer fluid that leaked from Indian Point 3.

"There's no doubt that oil was discharged into the Hudson River," Cuomo said. "Exactly how much, we don't know."

It could be weeks before Indian Point 3 is reopened again,

said a spokesman for Entergy Corp., the plant owner.

The transformer at the plant about 30 miles north of midtown Manhattan failed on Saturday evening, causing a fire that forced the automatic shutdown.

Cuomo revealed Sunday that even after the blaze on the non-nuclear side of the plant was quickly doused, the heat reignited the fire that was again extinguished.

The governor said oil in the transformer had seeped into a holding tank that did not have the capacity to contain all the fluid, which then entered river waters through a discharge drain.

Joseph Martens, commissioner of the state Department of Environmental Protection, said measures were taken to keep the oil from spreading, including setting up booms over an area about 300 feet in diameter in the water.

The cleanup should take a day or two, Cuomo said.

A spokesman for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission said several thousand gallons of oil may have overflowed the transformer moat.

The reactor itself was deemed safe and stable, said Entergy spokesman Jerry Nappi. The plant's adjacent Unit 2 reactor was not affected and remained

in operation.

The Indian Point Energy Center in Buchanan supplies electricity for millions of homes, businesses and public facilities in New York City and Westchester County.

"These situations we take very seriously. Luckily this was not a major situation. But the emergency protocols are very important," Cuomo said Saturday. "I take nothing lightly when it comes to this plant specifically."

The transformer at Indian Point 3 takes energy created by the plant and changes the voltage for the grid supplying power to the state.

## Enrollment in state pre-K inches up but disparities remain

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Enrollment in state pre-kindergarten programs inched up slightly last year, but there's been little change in the overall percentage of children participating in the programs, according to a national study on early education released Monday.

The report found wide disparities among states.

"At last year's pace it will be another 75 years before state pre-K enrolls even all kids in low-income families," said Steven Barnett, director of the National Institute for Early Education Research, which conducts the annual review on the state of pre-K.

Early education is widely recognized as an important

component to helping ensure children from all backgrounds enter school ready to learn. The Obama administration has made it a centerpiece of its education policy, with the president announcing \$1 billion in public-private spending on programs for young learners last year.

Total enrollment rose by 8,535 students in the 2013-14 school year. But that increase follows a loss of 4,000 seats following post-recession state budget cuts in 2012-13.

Overall, 29 percent of 4-year-olds were enrolled in a state-funded pre-K, a percentage that's changed little since 2010. The numbers don't reflect participation in the federal Head Start or special edu-

cation programs.

There were some positive signs in the report: Total state funding for pre-K programs increased by more than \$116 million in the 40 states and District of Columbia that offered pre-K throughout the 2013-14 school year. And several states made inroads in meeting more of the 10 benchmarks considered key to a quality program.

"Even though we clearly have work to do on the state and national level, this report confirms we're moving in the right direction and creating the building blocks for every child to enter kindergarten prepared," U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan said.

Florida, Oklahoma, Vermont

and the District of Columbia topped the rankings in access—each served more than 75 percent of all 4-year-olds. Five other states enrolled more than half: Georgia, Iowa, Texas, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

The report highlighted Michigan, Nebraska and Ohio for significant expansions. Mississippi, which previously did not have a pre-K program, invested \$3 million to enroll nearly 2,000 children.

Meanwhile, 11 states operated programs serving fewer than 10 percent of 4-year-olds and 10 states had no program at all.

The disparities have increased over time.

"It matters even more what zip code you live in," Barnett said.



### ACROSS THE NATION

#### 2 young children lose their mom in Mother's Day car crash

**LAGUNA BEACH, Calif.** (AP)—A 31-year-old woman driving with her two children on Mother's Day was killed after her car collided with another car in Laguna Beach. The woman was driving with her 8-year-old and 5-year-old at 12:30 a.m. Sunday when a car traveling in the opposite direction sideswiped her, causing both cars to spin out of control, Capt. Jason Kravetz said. The woman, identified by coroner's officials as Sandra Maldonado of Mission Viejo, had to be cut out of the car. She was pronounced dead at a hospital.

#### 1 killed, 3 shot after Mother's Day motorcycle blessing

**NEWARK, N.J.** (AP)—New Jersey authorities say one person is dead and three others are wounded after gunfire broke out following an annual Mother's Day motorcycle blessing in Newark. Media outlets report that gunfire erupted Sunday evening in the city's South Ward, the scene of the Blessing of the Bikes, an event sponsored by the Newark Knights motorcycle club to mark the beginning of the riding season. Essex County Assistant Prosecutor Thomas S. Fennelly says one person died at a hospital after the 7:45 p.m. shooting at a street intersection near the bike club house and three others were being treated for apparently non-life-threatening injuries. The blessing was scheduled to end at 6 p.m.

#### 2 slain police officers mourned in Mississippi town

**HATTIESBURG, Miss.** (AP)—One was a decorated "Officer of the Year." The other was a proud recent graduate of the academy who had wanted to be a policeman since he was a boy. A routine traffic stop led to their shooting deaths Saturday night—the first Hattiesburg police officers to die in the line of duty in more than 30 years—and four people were arrested, including two who were charged with capital murder. The deaths of Officers Benjamin Deen and Liquori Tate stunned this small city in southern Mississippi. On Sunday morning, bloodstains still marked the street where the two were shot, and a steady stream of people visited the site to leave flowers or balloons. In the nearby New Hope Baptist Church, worshippers prayed for the fallen officers and their families.



# Asia

## Boats with 600 Rohingya, Bangladeshis land in Indonesia

**JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)**—Boats carrying nearly 600 Bangladeshis and long-persecuted Rohingya Muslims from Myanmar washed to shore in western Indonesia, some after captains and smugglers abandoned the ships, leaving passengers to fend for themselves, survivors and migrant experts said. Thousands more are believed to be stranded at sea.

When the four ships neared shore early Sunday, some passengers jumped into the water and swam, said Steve Hamilton, of the International Organization for Migration in Jakarta, Indonesia's capital.

They have been taken to a sports stadium in Lhoksukon, the capital of North Aceh District to be cared for and questioned, said Lt. Col. Achmadi, chief of police in the area, who uses only one name.

Sick and weak after more than two months at sea, some were getting medical attention.

"We had nothing to eat," said Rashid Ahmed, a 43-year-old Rohingya man who was on one of the boats. He said he left Myanmar's troubled state of Rakhine with his eldest son three months ago.

"All we could do was pray," he said, crying as he spoke to The Associated Press by phone.

The Rohingya have for decades suffered from state-



Ethnic Rohingya migrants sit in lines to receive food from a social worker for breakfast at a temporary shelter in Lhok Sukon, Aceh province, Indonesia, Monday, May 11, 2015.

sanctioned discrimination in Myanmar and are denied citizenship.

Attacks on the religious minority by Buddhist mobs in the last three years have sparked one of the biggest exoduses of boat people since the Vietnam

War, sending 100,000 people fleeing, according to Chris Lewa, director of the Arakan Project, which has monitored the movements of Rohingya for more than a decade.

An estimated 7,000 to 8,000 people are now being held in

large and small ships in the Malacca Strait and nearby international waters, she said, adding that crackdowns on trafficking syndicates in Thailand and Malaysia have prevented brokers from bringing them to shore.

Some are held even after fam-

## N. Korean general believed behind 2010 S. Korea attacks dies

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)**—The North Korean military general believed by archival South Korea to have been behind two attacks on South Korea that killed 50 people in 2010 has died. He was 77.

The North's main Rodong sinmun newspaper said Monday that Kim Kyok Sik died of acute respiratory failure on Sunday.

Kim is the former commander of battalions who South Korean officials say directed North Korea's torpedo attack on a South Korean warship in March 2010 and its artillery strikes on

a South Korean border island in November that year. North Korea has denied its responsibility for the torpedo attack.

The attacks spiked animosities between the Koreans, which have been divided along the world's most heavily fortified border since the end of the 1950-53 Korean War. South Korean economic sanctions and other punitive measures imposed after the North's alleged torpedo attack remain in place and still serve as a source of tension between the rivals.

After the South Korean war-

ship sinking, Kim, a four-star army general, served as the North's armed forces minister, the equivalent of South Korea's defense chief, and chairman of the military's General Staff. Kim's last official job was as a member of the Central Committee of the ruling Workers' Party and a delegate to the country's rubber-stamp legislature.

The North Korean newspaper said Kim's death is "pitiful" to the country, saying he was awarded a slew of state decorations for his unspecified work and achievements for North

Korea and its people. The newspaper didn't mention the 2010 attacks.

Kim, born the son of a tenant farming family when the Korean Peninsula was under Japan's colonial occupation from 1910-1945, lived in poverty before dedicating his life to the military after the peninsula was liberated at the end of the World War II in 1945, according to the newspaper.

Lim Byeong Cheol, a spokesman at South Korea's Unification Ministry, declined to comment on Kim's death.

## Indonesia lifts travel ban for foreign journalists to Papua

**MERAUKE, Indonesia (AP)**—Indonesia's president on Sunday announced the lifting of a travel ban for foreign journalists to the country's easternmost province, a day after freeing five Papuan political prisoners, part of government efforts to improve human rights in Papua.

President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo, who took office in October, has vowed to improve human rights and economic conditions in Papua, where a low-level insurgency for independence has persisted since the region was transferred from Dutch to Indonesian rule in 1963.

Jokowi announced during his three-day visit to the province that the government was lifting a restriction for foreign journalists to Papua as part of his administration's efforts to stop decades of abuses by Indonesia's military and the stigma of a separatist conflict.

"Starting today, we allow foreign journalists to go freely to Papua, as well as to other Indonesian provinces," he told reporters in Papua's Merauke district. "It's time that we should think positively. There must be mutual trust that we've lost."

On Saturday, Jokowi released five Papuan political prisoners.

The men were serving jail sentences ranging from 19 years to life for an attack on a military arsenal in 2003 that killed two army soldiers.

Indonesia, a nation of about 240 million people, has made tremendous strides toward democracy since former dictator Suharto was ousted in 1998, but it remains highly sensitive to ongoing separatist struggles in Papua and the Molucca islands.

The government has restricted visits by human rights workers and journalists to Papua, and pro-independence activists have been given lengthy prison terms for peacefully expressing their

views, organizing rallies or for simply raising separatist flags.

Two French television journalists were sentenced to 2 1/2 months in jail last year for illegal reporting in Papua.

There are at least 100 political prisoners in Indonesia, most in Papua province and the Molucca islands, many of whom complain of being tortured or psychologically abused by guards.

In 2010, two political prisoners were freed after then-President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono granted them clemency. They were jailed for raising the banned flag and involvement in a violent pro-independence rally.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Japan's ruling coalition to OK bills to boost military role

**TOKYO (AP)**—Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is moving ahead this week with legislation that would boost the military's international role, in a significant shift of the country's pacifist policies. Abe's ruling coalition is set to reach formal agreement Monday on a package of bills that would allow the military to do more, including the removal of geographic restrictions on where it can operate. The proposals are expected to be approved by the Cabinet later this week for submission to parliament. The legislation is likely to pass, given the solid majority held by Abe's ruling Liberal Democratic Party and its junior coalition partner, Komeito. The changes would allow Japan to defend its allies for the first time since World War II, and make it easier to provide logistical support for other militaries and participate in international peacekeeping operations.

#### Official says roadside bomb kills 6 in northwest Pakistan

**KHAR, Pakistan (AP)**—A government official says a roadside bomb has targeted an anti-Taliban tribal elder, killing him and his five aides in northwest Pakistan near the Afghan border. Local government official Fayyaz Khan said the attack Monday in Mamound saw a remote-controlled bomb explode as the elder's car passed by. Khan says the elder, Malik Mohammad Jan, had been heading anti-Taliban efforts, which included expelling the militants'

ily members pay for them to be released from the boats.

"I am very concerned about smugglers abandoning boatloads at sea," Lewa said, noting that some people have been stranded for more than two months.

Tightly confined, and with limited access to food and clean water, their health is deteriorating, Lewa said, adding that dozens of deaths have been reported.

Thailand has long been considered a regional hub for human traffickers.

The tactics of brokers and agents started changing in November as authorities began to tighten security on land - a move apparently aimed at appeasing the U.S. government as it prepares to release its annual Trafficking in Persons report next month. Last year, Thailand was downgraded to the lowest level, putting it on par with North Korea and Syria.

sympathizers from the area and demolishing and burning their houses. The Pakistani Taliban consist of scores of local militant groups who have been waging a war on the state in a bid to overthrow the government and install their own harsh interpretation of Islamic law. They have killed tens of thousands of Pakistanis in their terror campaign.

#### Typhoon leaves 2 dead in PH; 3,500 evacuated

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—A powerful typhoon that slammed into the northeastern tip of the Philippines left at least two people dead and prompted nearly 3,500 residents to flee to shelters following warnings to evacuate coastal and mountainous villages. Typhoon Noul has weakened since making landfall Sunday afternoon in Cagayan province's coastal town of Santa Ana. As of Monday morning, the eye of the typhoon was 65 kilometers (40 mile) northeast of Basco, the capital town of northernmost Batanes province, packing winds of 160 kilometers (99 miles) per hour and gusts of 195 kph (121 mph), said government weather forecaster Adzcar Aurelio. Aurelio said Noul was expected to weaken further due to strong winds that will dissipate the heavy clouds around it. The typhoon is forecast to exit the Philippines by Tuesday morning, headed to southern Japan. Two men died of electrocution in Cagayan's Appari town and nearly 3,500 were evacuated to safer grounds in Cagayan and Isabela provinces, said Norma Talosig, the regional civil defense director. The evacuees had returned to their homes by Monday.



# World

## Castro: Pope Francis so impressive I might return to church

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Cuban President Raul Castro paid a call Sunday on Pope Francis at the Vatican to thank him for working for Cuban-U.S. détente—and said he was so impressed by the pontiff he is considering a return to the Catholic church's fold.

“Bienvenido (welcome)!” Francis said in his native Spanish, welcoming Castro to his studio near the Vatican public audience hall. The Cuban president, bowing his head, gripped Francis' hand with both of his, and the two men began private talks. The meeting lasted nearly an hour, as the Argentine-born Francis and Castro spoke in Spanish.

Francis will visit Cuba in September en route to the United States.

After leaving the Vatican, Castro, the brother of Fidel, the revolutionary leader who brought the Communists to power in Cuba, gushed with praise for Francis.

The pontiff “is a Jesuit, and I, in some way, am too,” Castro said at a news conference. “I al-

ways studied at Jesuit schools.”

“When the pope goes to Cuba in September, I promise to go to all his Masses, and with satisfaction,” Castro said at a news conference at the office of Italian Premier Matteo Renzi, whom he met with after the Vatican talks.

“I read all the speeches of the pope, his commentaries, and if the pope continues this way, I will go back to praying and go back to the church, and I'm not joking,” he said.

It was a startling assertion for the leader of a Communist country, whose crackdown on dissidents in the past had drawn sharp Vatican criticism.

“I am from the Cuban Communist Party, that doesn't allow (religious) believers, but now we are allowing it, it's an important step,” Castro said.

Speaking about Francis, Castro said he has been “very impressed by his wisdom, his modesty, and all his virtues that we know he has.”

Castro had already publicly thanked Francis for helping to bring Havana and Washington



AP  
Cuban President Raul Castro waves as Pope Francis, background left, looks at him, at the end of a private audience at the Vatican, Sunday, May 10, 2015.

closer together after decades of U.S. government policy of strict isolation of the Communist-ruled Caribbean island. On Sunday, he stepped up his praise on Francis' push for the two nations to put enmity aside and work for reconciliation for the benefit of Americans and Cubans.

As he took his leave from the Vatican, Castro told journalists, “I thanked the pope for what he did.”

Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said the president also “laid out to the pope the sentiments of the Cuban people in the wait and preparation for his upcoming visit to the island in September.”

After his meeting with Renzi, Castro expressed hope that his country would quickly see more fruits of the thaw between Cuba and the United States. “Maybe the (U.S.) Senate will take us

off the list of terrorist nations” soon, Castro told reporters.

Francis gave Castro a medal depicting St. Martin of Tours, known for caring for the destitute.

“With his mantle he covers the poor,” Francis told Castro, saying more efforts on behalf of the poor are needed.

Fidel Castro met with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican in 1996. That encounter helped pave the way for John Paul's 1998 pil-

grimage to Cuba, the first visit by a pontiff to the island. John Paul was also eager for Cuba to grant more visas for foreign priests to bolster the dwindling corps of clergy on the island.

The Vatican's general policy of opposing economic sanctions as a foreign policy tool carries appeal for Cuban leaders and people, after decades under a U.S. economic embargo. With the Vatican keen on protecting the interests of its Catholic followers under Cuban Communist rule, Pope Benedict XVI also visited the island.

Castro told reporters that “we are trying to carry forward improvements of our political, social and cultural system. But it's very difficult to do it without causing shocks, without leaving some in the street.”

He came to Rome on his way back from celebrations in Moscow of the 70th anniversary of the surrender of Nazi Germany in World War II.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Moroccan fighter jet goes missing in Yemen

RABAT, Morocco (AP)—Morocco's armed forces say one its F-16 fighter jets taking part in the Saudi-led Sunni coalition air strikes against the Shiite Houthi rebels in Yemen has gone missing. The statement carried by the state news agency MAP said early Monday that the plane has been missing since 6 p.m. the previous day. The pilot of the second jet said he didn't see pilot of the jet that went missing eject added the statement, which said that an investigation is under way. Moroccan forces, together with those of the rest of the Gulf countries are taking part in air strikes against the Houthi rebels in Yemen that have taken over large sections of the country. Morocco has six F-16 jets stationed in the United Arab Emirates.

#### Congo wants arrested extremist leader extradited

KINSHASA, Congo (AP)—Congo wants the recently arrested leader of a Ugandan rebel group extradited to Congo because he committed more killings in the eastern part of the country than in other nations, the justice minister said Sunday. Jamil Mukulu, who had been on the run since the 1990s as leader of an Islamic extremist group known as Allied Democratic Forces, was arrested and is in the custody of Tanzanian se-

curity officials, Ugandan police spokesman Fred Enanga told The Associated Press last week. Mukulu had been the subject of an Interpol arrest warrant for attacks carried out against civilians. Justice and Human Rights Minister Alexis Thambwe Mwamba said Sunday that Mukulu committed more killings in Congo than in Uganda, so he should be extradited to Congo. The ADF is one of many armed groups operating in eastern Congo. The rebels have staged sporadic attacks on towns in eastern Congo and against Congolese military units.

#### Spain's leader praises men who helped plane crash survivors

MADRID (AP)—Spanish authorities on Sunday praised the bravery of farmworkers who helped pull two survivors away from the burning wreckage of an Airbus A400M military transport plane that had crashed near Seville airport. The plane, which was undergoing flight tests, destroyed a high-tension electricity pylon as it smashed into a field Saturday, killing four people on board. Airbus spokesman Kieran Daly said it had been carrying six crew: two pilots, three flight test engineers and a technician. Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy posted a photograph of himself on Twitter talking to a farmer who had helped save the injured crewmen, calling him “a hero for us all.”

## Gunmen in Macedonia had planned many attacks, leader says

KUMANOVO, Macedonia (AP)—An armed group battling Macedonian police over the weekend left 22 people dead and aimed to destabilize the country with terror attacks, the country's president declared Sunday in a nationwide television address.

President George Ivanov spoke after an emergency meeting of Macedonia's National Security Council in the capital, Skopje. He had cut short his visit to Russia on Saturday, the day the armed clashes began in the northern town of Kumanovo.

“Police have prevented coordinated terrorist attacks at different locations in the country that would cause serious destabilization, chaos and fear,” Iva-

nov said. “The members of the group are extremists and criminals with remarkable military training and skills. That's why we have paid such a high price with the loss of lives.”

The attacks left at least 22 people dead, including eight police and 14 attackers, Interior Ministry spokesman Ivo Kotevski said.

The Macedonian government declared two days of mourning Sunday for those killed in the clashes. Flags were flying at half-staff and sports events and political gatherings were canceled.

Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski told reporters the group of over 40 armed men had planned to attack state institu-

tions, sport events and shopping malls and said they had combat experience both in the region and in the Middle East. He said the group was not supported by members of Macedonia's ethnic Albanian minority.

The fighting comes as Macedonia is grappling with its deepest political crisis since its independence from the former Yugoslavia in 1991. The government and the opposition have accused each other of planning to destabilize the country to take or preserve power and some analysts fear leaders on both sides are ready to provoke ethnic clashes.

Kotevski named five leaders of the armed group, all citizens of Kosovo, as founders of para-

military cells. He said the group entered Macedonia at the beginning of May to launch attacks on state institutions and hid out in Kumanovo's western neighborhood, where police found a huge arsenal of weapons.

Kumanovo is an ethnically mixed town 40 kilometers (25 miles) northeast of Skopje, near the border with Kosovo and Serbia. The region was the center of hostilities between ethnic Albanian rebels and government forces during the ethnic conflict in 2001. That insurgency ended with a Western-brokered peace deal that granted more rights to ethnic Albanians, who make up about a quarter of the country's 2 million people.

## Trauma, stigma, face girls, women rescued from Boko Haram

YOLA, Nigeria (AP)—The taunts wouldn't stop. “Boko Haram wives,” the schoolgirls were called because they had been briefly held by Nigeria's Islamic extremists before escaping. The teasing was so relentless that some of the Chibok girls left their town and families.

Their plight does not bode well for hundreds of girls and women recently rescued from months of captivity by Boko Haram, including dozens who are pregnant. After enduring captivity by the militants, the females may now face stigma from their communities.

“The most important thing is to restore their dignity,” the executive director of the United Nations

Population Fund, Babatunde Osotimehin, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from his office in New York.

“When you have been in captivity against your will, and God knows whatever they have done to them, some of them will have been violated, some raped, food insecure ... We need to take them, work with them and bring them back to the reality of their lives,” said Osotimehin, who is Nigerian.

His agency is providing the women and girls with intense psychosocial counseling and medical care for reproductive and maternal health. It is also encouraging communities to allow the girls to return in peace.

That will be a challenge, going by comments made last week by Gov. Kashim Shettima of Borno, the home state of Boko Haram and the one most affected by the nearly 6-year-old Islamic uprising that has killed more than 12,000 people and forced more than 1.5 million from their homes.

The governor said he feared that girls and women raped and made pregnant by the extremists could be breeding a new generation of terrorists.

Shettima called for a special monitoring program of the mothers to identify paternity because he said the militants had deliberately impregnated them so they would give birth to fu-

ture insurgents.

“I am seriously worried with the fact that most women tend to hate and abandon children they deliver from rape. Now, the problem is that these children could go to the streets unattended to, they then lack access to food, health care and education. The result is that they could indeed inherit their fathers' (ideology) somehow,” Shettima told government officials, according to the Nigerian press.

Such statements from a man of Shettima's standing are “very unfortunate” and would reinforce the very stigma he says he wants to avoid, said Human Rights Watch researcher Mausi Segun.



## Overdrive

By MARK PHELAN  
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If you're an American, it's easy to take the Mustang for granted. You see them all the time. A high school friend may have got one as a family hand-me-down. You can buy one for less than a loaded Camry.

But the Mustang is not without honor outside its home country. In most of the world, a glimpse of Ford's pony car convertible is an event like spotting a rare Porsche or a Bentley.

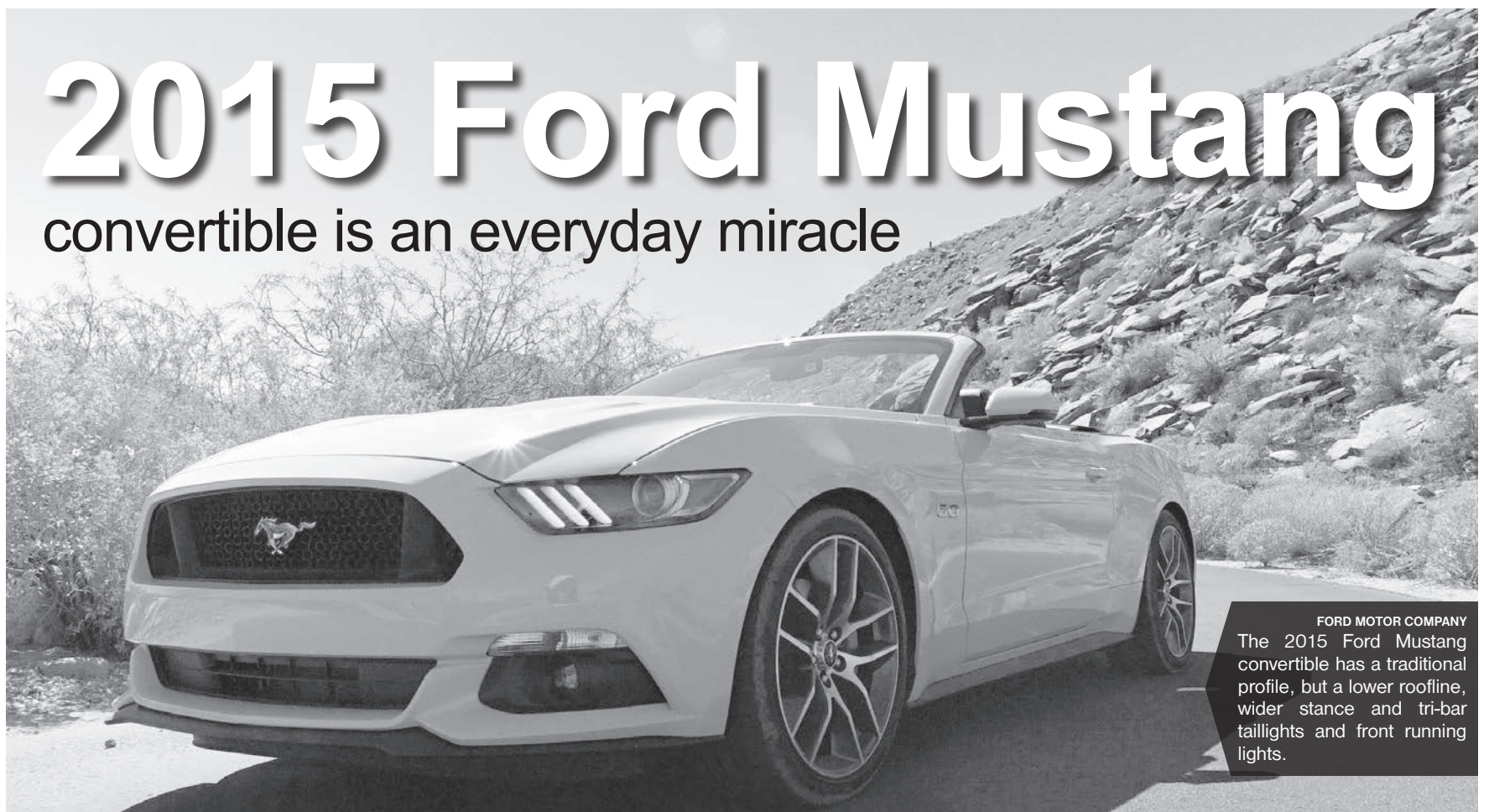
The 2015 Ford Mustang convertible builds on its legendary looks and name with an array of technical features matching many luxury brands (I give it four out of four stars).

Prices for the 2015 Mustang convertible start at \$29,300 for a base model with a 300-horsepower 3.7-liter V-6 engine and six-speed manual transmission.

A Premium convertible with the turbocharged 2.3-liter four-cylinder engine that produces 310 horsepower—and gets better fuel economy than the less powerful base V-6—costs \$34,800. The 425-horsepower V-8 Mustang GT convertible starts at \$41,800.

A six-speed automatic adds \$1,195 to all models.

I tested a very nicely equipped Mustang Premium with the 2.3-liter turbo, adaptive cruise control, leather seats, voice recognition, navigation, Bluetooth phone and audio compatibility, blind spot and cross traffic alerts, backup camera, 20-inch black aluminum wheels and premium red paint. It stickered at \$40,965. All prices exclude destination charges.



FORD MOTOR COMPANY  
The 2015 Ford Mustang convertible has a traditional profile, but a lower roofline, wider stance and tri-bar taillights and front running lights.

Traditionally, the Mustang competed primarily with other American pony cars like the Chevrolet Camaro convertible. That's still the case, but the new Mustang's sophisticated features, engine, and the fact that Ford engineered the 2015 model for sale around the world, lift the Mustang into the company of luxury convertibles like the Audi A5 Quattro, BMW 428i, Infiniti Q60 and Lexus IS 350C.

The four-cylinder Mustang convertible I tested measured up very well against those tough competitors, cost thousands of dollars less and had more power

and higher fuel economy ratings than most of them.

That's the other half of what makes the 2015 Mustang convertible an everyday miracle: It's a great, great-looking car with a legendary name ... and it's a bargain.

A lot of Mustang purists were nervous about the 2.3-liter four-cylinder engine, but the combination of turbocharging and direct fuel injection Ford calls Ecoboost delivers more than enough power for quick starts, fast highway runs ... and slipping across a couple of lanes in a hurry to frustrate a twit in a supercharged Range Rover who had repeatedly crossed four

lanes to pass on the right, to use a totally hypothetical example of something I absolutely did not do on the interstate.

The engine's 320 pound-feet of torque beats the competitors' turbo 4's and V-6s handily. The engine note is humdrum for such a potent little brawler, though. More growl would be welcome. The six-speed manual is notchier and requires more effort than the A5's velvety gearbox.

The 2.3-liter's fuel economy is outstanding. Its EPA rating of 22 mpg in the city, 31 on the highway and 26 combined beats all competitors but the A5 and 428i. The Mustang's use of regular gas makes it less expen-

sive to run because the Audi and BMW specify premium.

The Mustang absorbs bumps smoothly and holds the road in quick maneuvers, thanks to the all-new 2015 model's independent suspension. The steering is quick and direct, with three variable settings.

The convertible is quiet with the top closed at highway speed. Road noise from rough surfaces can be intrusive.

The interior features Ford's best combination of dials, buttons, switches, voice recognition and a touch screen. Traditional controls make audio and climate adjustment simple, while excellent voice recogni-

tion simplifies hands-free calls and dictating navigation destinations. The touch points on the touch screen are a bit small for use in a moving vehicle.

The front seat is comfortable, with useful storage for cups, phones, glasses, iPods, etc. The rear seat is acceptable. The trunk has just enough space for two people's bags on a week-long getaway.

The profile is traditional, but a lower roofline, wider stance and tri-bar taillights and front running lights make the new model immediately recognizable.

You see the new Mustang regularly, but there's nothing ordinary about this car.

## NUTS &amp; BOLTS

## 2015 Ford Mustang Premium convertible

- Rear-wheel-drive four-passenger sporty convertible
- Price as tested: \$40,965 (excluding destination charge)
- Rating: FOUR STARS (Out of four stars)
- Reasons to buy: Looks; performance; fuel economy; top-down driving
- Shortcomings: Notchy shifter; road noise on rough surfaces; prosaic engine note.
- EPA fuel economy rating: 22 mpg city/31 highway/26 combined. Regular gasoline.
- Base prices (excluding destination charges): \$34,800
- Engine: 2.3-liter turbocharged 16-valve four-cylinder
- Power: 310 horsepower at 5,500 rpm; 320 pound-feet of torque @ 2,500-4,500 rpm
- Transmission: Six-speed manual
- Wheelbase: 107.1 inches
- Length: 188.3 inches
- Width: 75.4 inches
- Height: 54.9 inches
- Curb Weight: 3,872 lbs.

■ Where assembled: Flat Rock, Mich.

■ Standard equipment: Anti-lock brakes; stability control; front seat side air bags; driver's knee air bag; alarm; accident alert; Bluetooth audio and phone compatible; voice recognition; touch screen; push button start; rearview camera; power windows, locks and mirrors; limited slip rear axle; selectable drive and steering settings; 2 USB ports; dual power points; auto dimming rearview mirror; universal garage door opener; manual tilt/telescope steering column; dual zone automatic climate control; AM/FM/CD audio; ambient lighting; leather seats; heated and cooled front seats; HID headlights; automatic lights; LED fog lights. LED taillights.

■ Options: Shaker audio system; 12 speakers; adaptive cruise control; 20-inch black aluminum wheels; navigation system; rear parking assist; blind spot and cross traffic alert, memory for driver settings.

## UNDER THE HOOD

By BRAD BERGHOLDT  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**Q: I have a 2003 Toyota 4Runner V-8 with the standard automatic transmission, air conditioning and four-wheel drive. It has only 49,000 miles, mostly in the city. I purchased it new, have regularly changed the oil, have had the timing belt and serpentine belt replaced, as well as the water pump and whatever else was required at the time the timing belt was replaced by the dealer. The vehicle runs perfectly. It was slow-rear-ended about six years ago with the rear bumper, trailer hitch and rear muffler then replaced.**

**Recently I have smelled a hydrogen sulfide odor (rotten eggs) after the engine has been running about 10 minutes and the converter is obviously warming up. The smell lasts for about 10 minutes and then is gone. I went to my local smog testing station about**

## Catalytic converter issue can be fixed

**two months ago as required by the Department of Motor Vehicles for license renewal, but the technician said that new regulations do not require measurement of tailpipe emissions and he only checked the gas cap and under the hood (no changes have ever been made to the engine) and said I passed. I subsequently received the 2016 sticker.**

**The service person at the Toyota dealer told me that the rotten egg odor indicated that the converter was failing and that I would have to replace it sometime in the near future. He had zero advice as to how to extend my catalytic converter's life. I looked on the Internet and noted that numerous companies market various products that can be added to gasoline which promise to extend the catalytic converter's life or even restore failed catalytic converters. I don't know if any of their claims are possible, much less true, but want to**

**extend the converter life as long as I can since I like the 4Runner and hope to keep it another five years at least.—Stanley Sizeler**

**A:** Stanley, it's great you are being proactive with this situation, as taking action may save your catalytic converter from premature failure. The odor you've noticed is caused by the sulfur found in motor fuel being acted upon by the catalytic converter. I disagree the converter is faulty, but it sounds like the 4Runner may be running rich (excessive fuel delivery) or misfiring somewhat during warm-up. Either of these problems can shorten converter life or may seriously overheat and damage the converter—if it's reached operating temperature while the fault is present. Since you haven't mentioned an illuminated check engine light it appears the fault may be slipping beneath the on-board diagnostic system's radar.

I'd recommend having a sharp engine performance/

emissions savvy technician take a look at fuel pressure, fuel trims and the possibility of a stuck open thermostat or contaminated/sluggish engine coolant sensor causing lingering cold enrichment and delayed closed loop operation. My son's car did this exact thing some years back due to a clogged coolant passage. It started and ran flawlessly when cold and when at engine operating temperature, but in between ran rough and rich/stinky due to the lagging temperature sensor reading. Checking the 4Runner's diagnostic system misfire records might also lead to a smoking gun.

I'm not sure if a tailpipe emissions inspection would have made much difference as the 4Runner would/should be at full operating temperature prior to testing

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# Life & Style

## Social media and mourning: Funerals may be the last frontier

Google Glass at a funeral? Nothing can replace that human connection," he said. "There are certain times for a heightened awareness, a need to stay in the moment, and a funeral is one of them."

Walker Posey, a funeral director in South Carolina and a spokesman for the National Funeral Directors Association, said tech definitely has its place in the mourning process but selfies from cemeteries aren't among them. Unfortunately use of social media, however, is not something most funeral directors routinely need to address, he said.

His funeral home in North Augusta includes this etiquette suggestion on its website just in case: "Don't infringe on the family's right to privacy. In today's world of social media and technology, it is essential to remember that these tools are a way of showing support and care for the family who is experiencing grief. The use of technology and social media to post

anything which may violate the family's right to privacy or ability to properly grieve must be avoided."

Sometimes the violators are the most grief stricken. A Facebook user once posted a photo of himself at the cemetery with his mother's casket behind

him. Another put up a photo of her mother's will in a status update about her role as executor of the estate.

Posting is one thing, Posey said, but web tech can be valuable to the bereaved. His funeral home and others around the country offer livestreams

of funerals and memorials as a way for far-flung loved ones to be connected. He sets up 30 to 40 webcasts a year, including one from the funeral of a grandmother so her two grandsons serving in the military in Iraq could be virtually present.



Mourners leave a memorial service for SurveyMonkey CEO David Goldberg on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, in Stanford, Calif. AP

By **LEANNE ITALIE**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Taya Dunn Johnson has been living large online for years, embracing Facebook, Twitter and other social streams to frequently share her most mundane and intimate moments.

Her husband—her high school sweetheart and an IT specialist—was an offline kind of guy, though he was surrounded by post-happy loved ones, colleagues and friends and had no problem with that.

Then he died suddenly of a heart attack at age 37 and his wife found herself entrenched in what just might be the last frontier for privacy, his funeral.

"I held two services and had to ask several people not to take photos of his casket," said Johnson, a 38-year-old administrative assistant who lives in Baltimore with her 6-year-old son. "The idea of it disturbed me. Days later, I noticed several people had 'checked-in' from the funeral home on a couple of platforms."

Actively using social media as she did when tragedy struck in 2012, and as she still does, Johnson understands why Facebook exec Sheryl Sandberg asked mourners, tech powerhouses included, to stay off social media from her husband David Goldberg's memorial service Tuesday.

"It's a slippery slope," John-

son said. "We share everything from our new car to our meal to our new dress. Somehow those things have become interchangeable with death."

Ann Bacciaglia, a customer support worker for a large corporation in Ottawa, was also an avid social media user when her husband of 18 years died suddenly of an undiagnosed brain cyst in 2011. He was 44.

Like Johnson's husband, he had no interest in social streams, which didn't keep Bacciaglia from announcing his death on Twitter. It never occurred to her to ask their loved ones to refrain from pulling out their phones at his funeral. None did.

In the year after his death, she publicly blogged about her grief and leaned even more heavily on her online followers and friends for support. Other young widows reached out, and helping them through their losses was her best medicine.

"Social media just wasn't something my husband saw the point of, but it's a huge part of how I grieved and continues to be very important to me," Bacciaglia said.

Offline or on Facebook, crass is crass when it comes to funerals and memorial services, said David Ryan Polgar, a lawyer and former college professor in West Hartford, Connecticut, who blogs about tech and ethics.

"Would you want to see

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Marina Jose Datuin**  
 Lovingly known as "Marie"

Was born to life on December 26, 1952 and was called to eternal rest on May 9, 2015

Mass of Intention is being offered nightly until May 17, 2015 at 6:00pm, San Vicente Church.  
 Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at La Pieta Memorial Park, Angeles City, Philippines.

Our family is eternally grateful for all the kind words of condolences and act of kindness.

**Alexander and Anne Marie Navarrete and Family**



**IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE**  
**† Augustin Tudela Castro**

**Better known as "Gus/Ting"**  
 Born on August 02, 1959 and was called to join his Creator on May 07, 2015

*In his new life he now joins his:*

**Maternal Grandparents:** †Augustin Sablan Tudela  
 †Elena Delos Reyes Deleon Guerrero Tudela

**Paternal Grandparents:** †Felix Manibusan Castro  
 †Maria Aquiningoc Terlaje Castro

**Parents:** †Manuel Terlaje Castro  
 †Natividad Deleon Guerrero Tudela

**Son:** †Jesus Manuel Ngirchechol Castro

*Augustin's love and memories will forever remain in the hearts of his:*

**Spouse:** Liqing Luo Castro  
**Children:** †Jesus Manuel N. Castro (Vijae Scott V. Castro), Augustin Jr. N. Castro/Shanise G. Villagomez (Zyler & Aulexise), Elsa Lynn N. Castro/Paul James C. Pangelinan, Jean N. Castro/Jeffrey Reyes (Magaret Reyes and Jeffrey Jr. Reyes), Dorina N. Castro/Brian Camacho (Jesus Vinx, Trenton Jay) Brandkief N. Castro, and Byron N. Castro

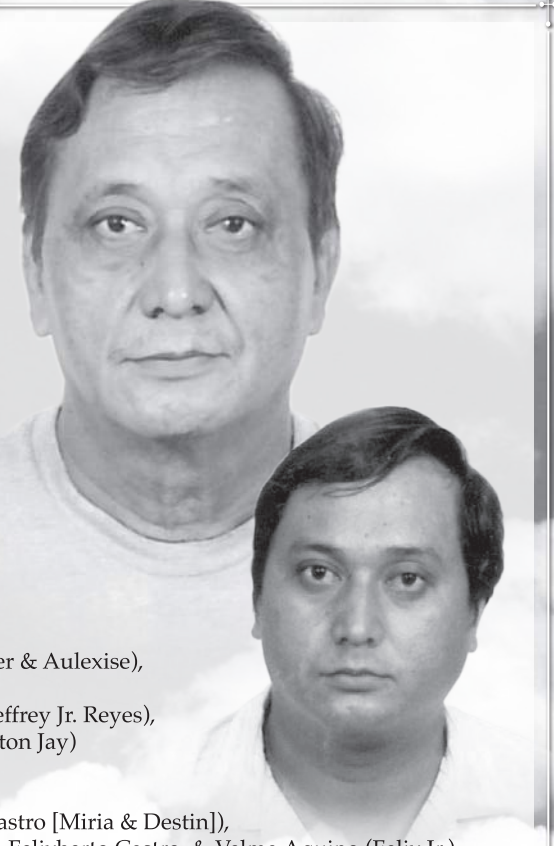
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**Maria Elena C. "Helen"**/Jesus H. Sablan (Joey & Sarinee Sablan, Jay C. Sablan & Erica Santos (Jeslena, Jay Jr., Toricah, Kaylanie, CJ)), Christine Sablan [Marlenie Mitsuko], and Jesse C. Sablan.  
**Manuel Jr. M. Castro**  
**Mathew M. Castro**  
**Megan Mae M. Castro**

He is additionally survived by his numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Daily Mass of Intention is celebrated every 6:00pm at San Vicente Church, followed by the Holy Rosary at 6:30pm.

On May 16, 2015 at 7:30 a.m., our beloved will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home to Mount Carmel Cathedral Church in Chalan Kanoa. Mass Christian Burial will be offered at 10:30am followed by interment services at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery, where we will bid his farewell and a peaceful rest.

**Un Dungkulu na Si Yu'us Ma'ase, and Thank You**





# Judge says Lohan in jeopardy if she fails court obligation

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Lindsay Lohan has only completed a tiny fraction of her remaining community service while on probation for a reckless driving case and will face “consequences” if she doesn’t finish later this month, a Los Angeles judge warned Thursday.

Judge Mark Young said he was concerned Lohan had managed to work fewer than 10 hours of 125 hours of service she was ordered to complete over three years.

“If not done by May 28, there will be consequences,” Young said.

Lohan, 28, is on probation for reckless driving and lying to police after crashing her Porsche on Pacific Coast Highway in Santa Monica on her way to a film shoot in 2012.

The actress wasn’t in Los Angeles County Superior Court for her probation hearing, but she would be expected to show up

AP  
In this Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014 file photo, U.S. actress Lindsay Lohan performs a scene from the play, “Speed the Plow,” during a photocall at the Playhouse Theatre in central London.

later if she blows the deadline and prosecutors ask that she be found in violation of probation. If that happens, they plan to ask for jail time.

Santa Monica Deputy City Attorney Melanie Skehar was skeptical Lohan could accomplish the steep task ahead of her in the next three weeks.

“Is it possible? It’s possible. Is it probable? No,” Skehar said outside court. “When you have a responsibility and you know what you have to complete by a certain date, there’s no excuse.”

The once-promising star of “Mean Girls,” whose career has sputtered and been overshadowed by legal troubles,



could face up to a year and a half behind bars.

The actress ran into trouble

earlier this year when her attorney presented proof she completed 240 hours of community

service with a charity in London, where she now lives.

After the prosecutor criticized Lohan for receiving credit for meeting fans of a stage production of “Speed-the-Plow,” which she appeared in, Young rejected 125 hours and ordered her to complete them later this month.

Defense lawyer Shawn Holley said it’s not feasible for Lohan to make that deadline if she

continues working with a charity that helps neglected children and disabled adults in London.

To complete the 115 remaining hours of service, Lohan will pack her bags and move to New York to work with children in Brooklyn, Holley said.

Lohan wasn’t able to complete the service in London because she lives 90 minutes from where she was required to work, Holley said. With private transportation costing \$76 an hour and Lohan out of work, that proved difficult.

Lohan had suggested her lawyer ask the court to consider three hours of commute time as community service, but Holley said she knew it was a “nonstarter,” so she didn’t bother to ask.

The case is the final criminal matter Lohan faces in Los Angeles, where she was first arrested in a driving under the influence and drug possession case in 2007 and later charged with stealing a necklace from a Venice jewelry store.

She has struggled to comply with terms of her sentences. She has been sentenced to jail five times, ordered to work in the Los Angeles morgue and sent to court-mandated rehab several times.

## Mariah Carey hits the high notes for Las Vegas residency

LAS VEGAS (AP)—It only took Mariah Carey placing her hand to one ear for everyone inside The Colosseum at Caesars Palace Wednesday night to know what was coming next.

One of Carey’s characteristically piercing high notes was about to be unleashed.

For each, and there were many, the pop icon received cheers and applause from the crowd gathered for the singer’s opening night of “Mariah #1 to Infinity,” her Las Vegas Strip residency.

Carey’s show catalogues her 18 number one hit singles in chronological order from 1990 to 2008 capping it off with the just released breakup ballad “Infinity” and a confetti-cannon explosion into the crowd.

“You’re going to hear songs that are the soundtrack of your lives all night long,” said Ken Ehrlich, the show’s director on-stage before the curtain raised.

The soundtrack began with “Vision of Love” and Carey, in her first of several glittering gowns, arriving center stage on a moving platform in between two giant butterflies, the singer’s signature.

Carey said from the stage that she hit the jackpot with her near-capacity opening night crowd that gathered for her nearly two-hour career retrospective.

“I love you more, don’t even try it,” she told one audience member, among many, who shouted messages of love from their seats.

Tickets cost \$55 to \$250 and Carey is scheduled to perform three nights a week in May and July for a total of 18 shows.

She shares The Colosseum’s stage with rotating headliners Celine Dion, Elton John and Rod Stewart. Country legends



AP  
Recording artist Mariah Carey performs at The Colosseum at Caesars Palace, Wednesday, May 6, 2015, in Las Vegas.

“I’ll be There,” joined Wednesday night by a recording of Michael Jackson performing the original and in person by Trey Lorenz who first sang the duet with Carey on MTV’s Unplugged program. Later songs were accompanied by clips from her music videos displayed on a large backdrop.

Later she literally walked through the crowd that had its phones hoisted high as she sang “Always be my baby,” from 1996.

Her on-stage entrances often involved riding in on something be it a pink 1950’s style car (“Dreamlover”), a jetski (for “Honey”) or a round-shaped bed (for “Touch my body”) and the exits entailed walking off stage right or left still singing as the lights dimmed.

A high-energy drum solo and later a flamenco-inspired guitar piece accompanied by a lyrical dance filled time between costume changes that necessitated a lengthier interlude.

When she needed a minor on-stage wardrobe fix, she took it in stride and joked as she reached for a water bottle and spritzed her throat.

“I’m only having a sip, darlings,” she said. “Please don’t hate me because I’m parched.”

Carey’s voice wasn’t always up for hitting the highest notes, opting for a deeper sound at times that wasn’t there when she came to fame in the 1990s.

High notes or note, the fans in the crowd were almost always on their feet.

Reba McEntire and Brooks & Dunn arrive at the 4,300-seat venue for performances in June, July and December

On Wednesday, she walked the crowd through her early career from her first ballads to her cover of The Jackson 5’s

## Live-action, high-tech Marvel theme park to tour this summer

NEW YORK (AP)—That children’s fantasy of fighting alongside—instead of just watching—favorite superheroes like Iron Man and Spider-Man is a step closer.

“The Marvel Experience,” a sort of indoor high-tech traveling theme park that includes 360-degree projections, holograms and a 4-D motion ride, will make stops in Chicago, Philadelphia, New York and St. Louis this summer.

Participants will train alongside the likes of Spider-Man, Thor, Captain America, Hulk, Wolverine and Iron Man before a final showdown against Red Skull, M.O.D.O.K. and their Adaptoids. The show lasts up to 3 hours.

Some elements ask participants to put on 3-D glasses and watch battles, while others offer the option of shooting guns, climbing walls and mimicking superheroes, said Michael Cohl, one of the producers.

“You can participate in a very active way or you can watch other people participating in an active way. But it is a very immersive, modern new take,” he said. “It’s cutting-edge stuff. We know technology is going berserk. There’s new stuff coming all the time. So we’ll be enhancing it as we go.”

It will make stops in Philadelphia at Lincoln Financial Field from June 19-July 5, then go to Chicago at McCormick Place from July 11-Aug. 2. It reaches

New York at The Park Avenue Armory from Aug. 13-30 and St. Louis at America’s Center Convention Complex from Sept. 5-20. Tickets range from are \$34.50-\$44.50 for adults and \$29.50-\$34.50 for children.

It’s the brainchild of Hero Ventures, a Los Angeles-based entertainment company, which teamed up with Marvel Entertainment and “Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark” producers Cohl and Jeremiah J. Harris.

The \$30 million show has already made stops in Phoenix, Dallas and San Diego, which Cohl described as sort of like an out of town tryout. The creative team then looked at what worked and tweaked what didn’t for the new stops. “These are just the first four of what we expect to be a continuing run of cities,” he said.

The traveling dome complex—about 30,000 square feet—includes digital projectors, interactive touch screens, a Holo-Blaster Training Simulator and Spider-Man Climbing Wall. Some 300 kids participate at any one time in staggered waves. They are encouraged to dress up as their favorite superhero.

It comes as Marvel has stepped up monetizing its catalogue of superheroes, including the current hit film “Avengers: Age of Ultron” as well as Marvel’s “Ant Man,” which will be released later this summer.



# Vergara and ex go head-to-head over embryos on TV

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Morning TV on Thursday hosted dueling exes locked in a dispute over the fate of frozen embryos.

On ABC's "Good Morning America," actress Sofia Vergara said it isn't fair that her former fiancé has gone public with their dispute over the frozen embryos dating back to their



**Vergara**

relationship in 2013.

On NBC's "Today" show, businessman Nick Loeb spoke of "moral, legal, ethical concepts" concerning lives "that we've already created."

On "GMA," the "Modern Family" star blamed the media for bringing attention to Loeb, who has taken legal action to gain control of the two frozen

embryos. He wants to implant them in a surrogate and raise the children himself, but a contract the couple signed states the embryos can be brought to term only with both parties' consent.

On the "Today" show, Loeb said none of the forms signed by the couple addressed what would happen if they broke up.

"Two lives have already been created," he said. "I wouldn't just toss them aside no different

than a child that had been born."

Vergara, currently promoting her new film "Hot Pursuit," characterized Loeb as an opportunist, and scolded the media for "allowing somebody to invent things and create press for himself," which included an op-ed column Loeb wrote that recently was published in The New York Times.

She added: "He's not an actor. He's not a celebrity."

## Kimmel won't air new episode opposite Letterman's final show

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Jimmy Kimmel is choosing not to air a new episode of his talk show opposite David Letterman's final "Late Show" installment.

Kimmel told the New York Times on Thursday that his May 20 episode will be a repeat out of respect for Letterman. Kimmel's spokeswoman confirmed the report. Other editions of ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live"

that week will be new.

"I have too much respect for Dave to do anything that would distract viewers from watching his final show," said Kimmel in an email to the Times. "Plus, I'll probably be crying all day, which makes it hard to work."

Jimmy Fallon and Conan



**Kimmel**

O'Brien aren't following suit. NBC's "The Tonight Show" and TBS' "Conan" are planning original installments for May 20, according to show representatives.

Comedy Central's "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" and "The Nightly Show with Larry Wilmore" will

be in repeats that week.

Letterman has hosted "Late Show" for 33 years.

Last year during Jay Leno's final "Tonight Show," rivals Letterman, Kimmel and O'Brien each aired new episodes. In their opening monologues that night, Letterman and O'Brien mentioned Leno's last hurrah, while Kimmel tweeted about it.

## SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

### Pitt, Jolie list French Quarter home for sale

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)**—Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are selling their home in New Orleans' historic French Quarter. Latter & Blum Realtors has the property listing at 521 Gov. Nicholls St., for \$6.5 million. Pitt and Jolie purchased the home in 2007 after Hurricane Katrina for \$3.5 million. According to the listing, the three-story, 1830s-era mansion has 7,645 square feet (710 sq. meters), five bedrooms, three bathrooms and two half-baths. The listed says the property is in excellent condition. The couple purchased the French Quarter property after Pitt established the Make It Right Foundation to fuel development of new housing in the Lower 9th Ward, the neighborhood devastated by flooding after Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

### Auction of Colbert's desk helps raise \$800K for schools

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Money from the auction of the desk and set of "The Colbert Report" will help thousands of school kids in comedian Stephen Colbert's native South Carolina. Colbert announced on Thursday that, along with donations from Share Fair Nation and ScanSource, \$800,000 has been raised to fund every classroom project South Carolina teachers listed on the DonorsChoose.org site. DonorsChoose.org is a crowdfunding nonprofit where teachers list projects and donors can support them. The money will help pay for nearly 1,000 projects from more than 800 teachers at more than 375 South Carolina schools. Colbert, a native of Charleston, is a member of the DonorsChoose.org Board of Directors. The set and his desk were auctioned after "The Colbert Report" ended last December.

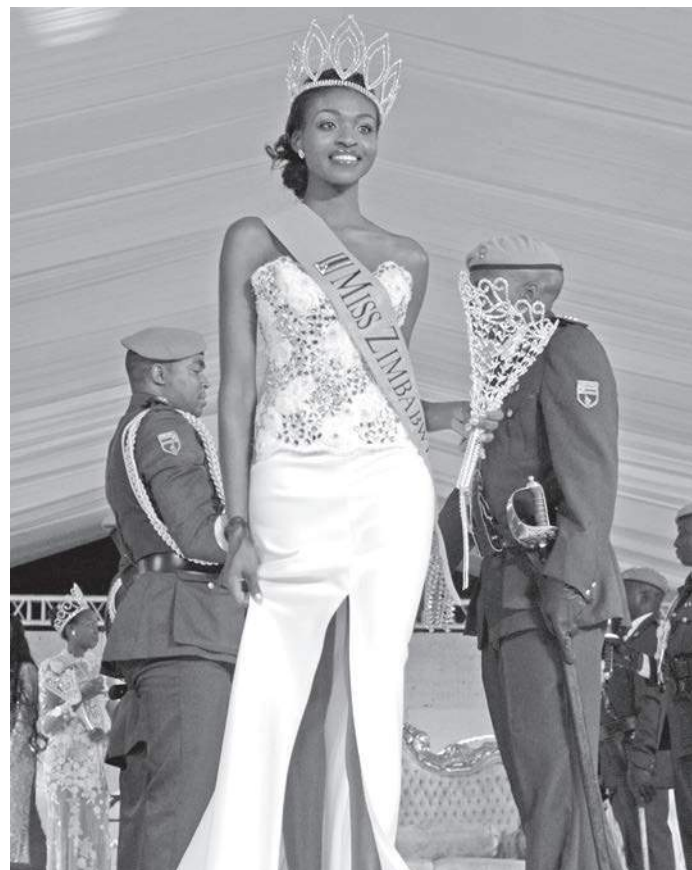
### Oscar Isaac's 'Star Wars' character may be from Yavin 4

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Attention die-hard "Star Wars" fans: Guatemalan actor Oscar Isaac thinks his character Poe Dameron in the next "Star Wars" film is from Yavin 4. The star of the upcoming "Episode VII - The Force Awakens" revealed in an interview that his character may be from the same moon represented in 1977's "Episode IV: A New Hope," featuring the landscape of Tikal, the ancient Mayan city in Guatemala. "What's actually very interesting is that Yavin ... at the end of the very first 'Star Wars' ... that last scene was shot in Guatemala and you know, I think that Poe Dameron is from that planet ... and that's a beautiful coincidence," he said. Isaac was responding to a query about whether his character was in any way related to Bail Organa, played by Latin actor Jimmy Smits in "Episode II: Attack of the Clones." "There's room in the Galaxy for more than one Latin family," the actor said with a laugh.

### Joy in Monaco: Royal twins are baptized in ceremony

**MONACO (AP)**—Monaco has welcomed with joy the baptism of the principality's five-month-old royal baby twins. Crowds lined the streets Sunday to catch a glimpse of Prince Jacques and Princess Gabriella, who looked serene in their white christening gowns and adorable bonnets. Prince Albert, 57, and Princess Charlene, 37, beamed in the bright May sunshine, holding their children to cheers from the crowds. The baby twins were born December 10 just a couple of minutes apart and are the first and second in line to the throne. Their trend-setting mother wore a cropped ivory top and matching skirt for the ceremony.

# Miss Zimbabwe's crown is in jeopardy



In this Sunday, April 26, 2015 photo, Miss Zimbabwe, Emily Kachote, walks on stage after being crowned.

**HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP)**—Last year, Miss Zimbabwe quit after photographs of the beauty queen posing naked emerged on social media. This year's Miss Zimbabwe faces a similar scandal.

Organizers of the Miss Zimbabwe pageant said they are investigating 25-year-old Emily Kachote two weeks into her reign after photos that allegedly show her nude appeared on the Internet.

Kachote, who would represent Zimbabwe at the Miss World finals later this year, will be dethroned if the photos are authentic, pageant spokesman Tendai Chirau said this week.

The contestants signed contracts declaring they had never posed nude before the pageant and that, in the event of winning the crown, they would not pose naked during the yearlong tenure as Miss Zimbabwe.

Kachote told H Metro, a Zimbabwean tabloid newspaper, that she suspected "these pictures" would emerge but "it happened a long time ago."

She referred to a date with a man whose home she visited, saying: "We had some drinks and I had no control over everything that happened that night. I no longer have anything to do with the guy."

Some people in Zimbabwe sympathize with Kachote, saying those who leak nude photos in such cases deserve criticism.

"This is another form of abuse. Everyone is entitled to privacy and imagine the trauma she could be going through," Zimbabwe's Herald newspaper quoted musician Albert Nyathi as saying. "Women are abused a lot in Zimbabwe and it's high time it should stop."

# Son who's angry over parents' breakup must know the truth

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a divorced mother of four. I have been single for three years, since my ex chose an affair over our marriage. I am successful and manage my home and finances.

I am, however, struggling with pressure from my ex to get back together. He had several affairs during the 13 years we were married. The pain and self-loathing were unbearable for me. He hasn't changed. Yet he tells our 14-year-old son, "Jackson," that he still loves me and "wants only to be with me." He also told Jackson that he doesn't know why I have chosen to keep our family broken up.

I moved hundreds of miles to get away from this stress. I have a great job and a lovely home. My son stays mad at me, though. He has chosen to live with his dad, and when he visits he demands explanations for why I am not with them. It breaks my heart. I genuinely do not know what to tell him.

His father has already told him about the affairs, but says I should forgive him. Ironically, I DO forgive him. I want my ex to have a beautiful life—without me. What can a mother say to her son to help him understand that some things just won't mend?

MOVED ON IN ALABAMA

**DEAR MOVED ON:** You would be doing your son a favor to tell him the truth. As it stands, he thinks that a husband having affairs is nothing serious because that's what his father has told him.

Now it's time to tell Jackson that his father didn't do this

just once, he did it repeatedly. Explain that you tried forgiving him, and it only caused you more heartache. Tell your son you love him and you're sorry he's angry at you, but it's clear that his father isn't going to change. And that you would rather remain single than let him touch your body—or your heart—again.

If you do, it may teach Jackson that not all women will accept this kind of treatment and endlessly forgive. If you don't, he may follow his father's example and turn out just like dear old dad.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I live in my parents' home. They are long-haul truck drivers and come home every eight weeks or so for a few days. I'm disabled and have a caregiver who comes four days a week.

When my parents stop in and the caregiver is here, they expect her to do for them. They keep four dogs on the truck they take with them and leave four dogs at home with me—so that's eight dogs when they are here. I am extremely grateful for this home and I love them very much, but right now I feel like a house/dog-sitter.

My son has invited me to go on vacation with his family. Is it my responsibility to make arrangements for the dogs they have left here? I feel like a prisoner in my own home.

HOUSE-SITTER IN THE SOUTH

## DEAR ABBY

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**DEAR HOUSE-SITTER:** Because the dogs have been left in your keeping, the responsibility for assuring their safety and well-being in your parents' absence belongs to you. Ask your parents if they would mind a pet-sitter staying in the house when you vacation with your son, or if they would prefer the dogs be placed in a kennel.

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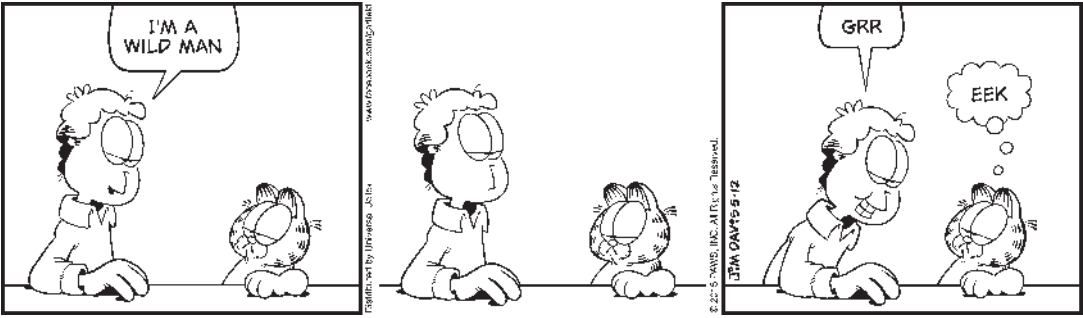
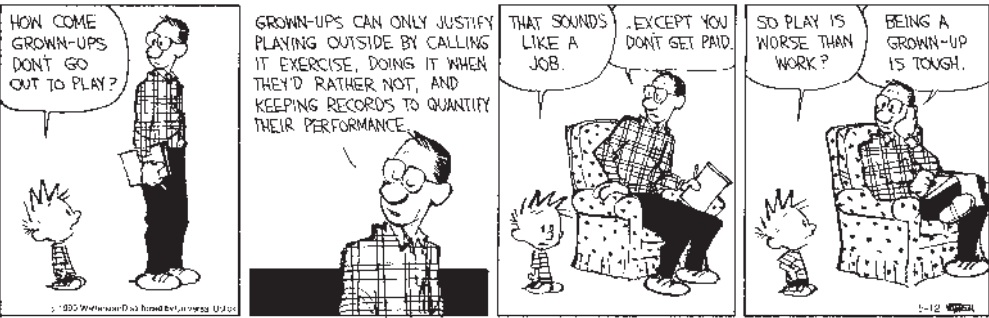


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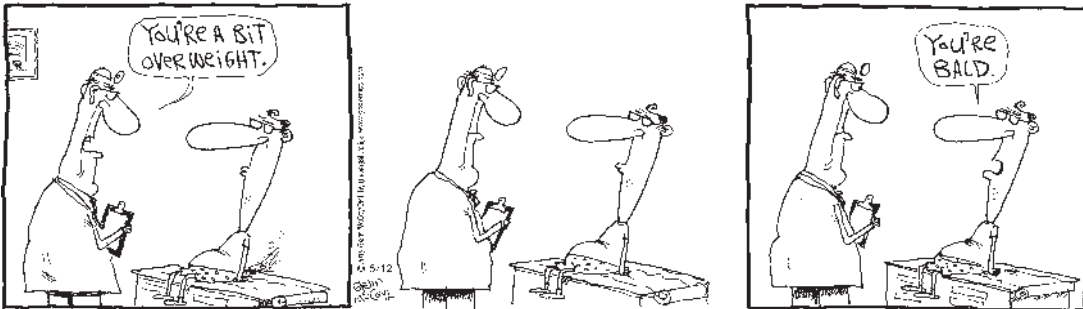
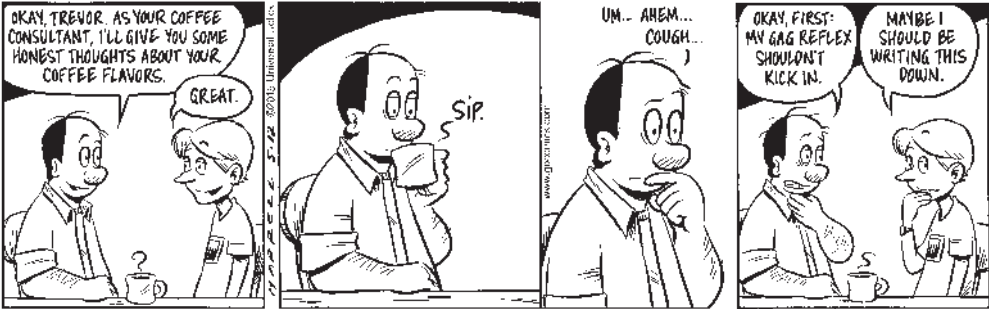
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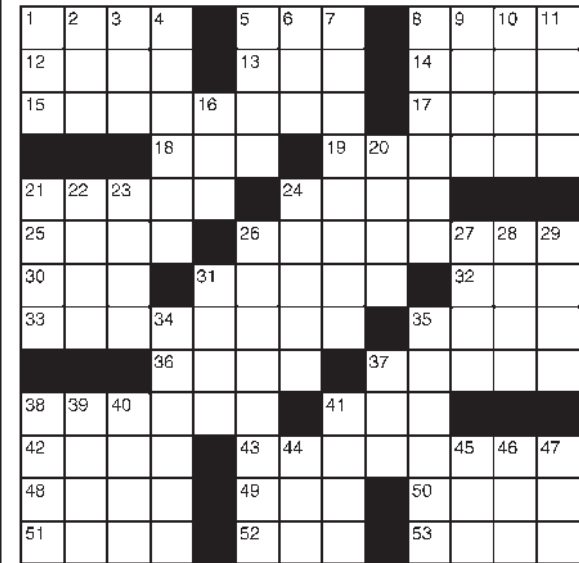
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Yesterday's answer 5-12



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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Clare Bowen, 26; Emily VanCamp, 29; Tony Hawk, 47; Ving Rhames, 56.

**Happy Birthday:** Be creative, use your imagination and ask yourself "how hard can it be?" Step up, be counted and give back. It's how you feel about yourself and what you have contributed that will make a difference this year. Strive for quality, not quantity, and you will please everyone, including yourself. Live life fully and appreciate what you have. Your numbers are 3, 14, 21, 26, 33, 39, 48.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don't be fooled by an empty promise. Stick to what's familiar even if it's boring. Self-deception will lead you down the wrong path. Ask a trusted friend for his or her thoughts regarding your current situation. ★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** A fast talker will try to take advantage of you. Don't be gullible. If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Make a concerted effort to improve personal relationships with talk, not cash. You can't buy love. ★★★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You will have to compromise if you want to accomplish anything today. Avoid senseless disputes and focus on making money. It's important to work toward greater security and a stable future. Less talk and more action will pay off. ★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Bring your ideas into the open and begin the process of making them a reality. You'll

be surprised by the returns you get from the effort you make. Love is on the rise and a promise can be made. ★★★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Money can be made, but not through a fast-cash scheme. Make a change to your current situation that is geared toward a higher income. Steady progress can be made if you are disciplined and willing to do the work yourself. ★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Keep your thoughts to yourself if you don't want to be called out by a colleague waiting for you to make a mistake. Focus on what you do best and you will outmaneuver any competition you face. Let your intuition guide you. ★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Take action. This is not the day to sit back and let others take the lead. Use your common sense, expertise and knowledge to get what you want. Don't argue or make a fuss; do whatever it takes to bring about positive change. ★★★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Things are looking up. Let your imagination lead you in a new direction. Love is in the stars, and joining forces with someone special will lead to a better home environment. Develop your dreams, hopes and wishes, and you will succeed. ★★★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Don't waffle or take someone's word as gospel. Do your due diligence, ask questions and make decisions based on your findings and your needs. Personal or professional changes will be necessary in order to keep the peace. ★★

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't feel obliged to take part in something that doesn't interest you. Time spent doing your own thing will pay off. A different approach to an old idea will turn out better than anticipated. Follow your heart and your dreams. ★★★★★



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Consider making a residential move or upgrade your current environment. Talks will lead to positive changes and a workable plan. Begin a project that has potential, and it could become profitable. Speak your mind. ★★★



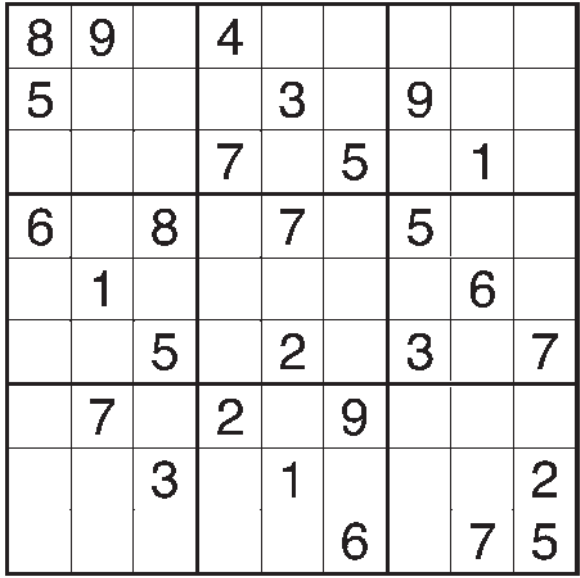
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Uncertainty will cloud your vision. Step back and consider what you want before making promises you may not want to deliver. Make your personal life and self-improvement your priority. Don't be fooled by what someone tells you. Do your own research. ★★★★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are determined, spontaneous and imaginative. You are aggressive and inquisitive.

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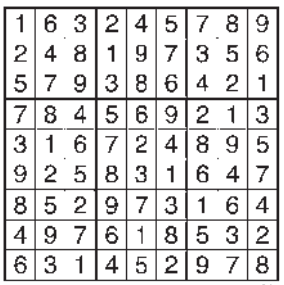
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

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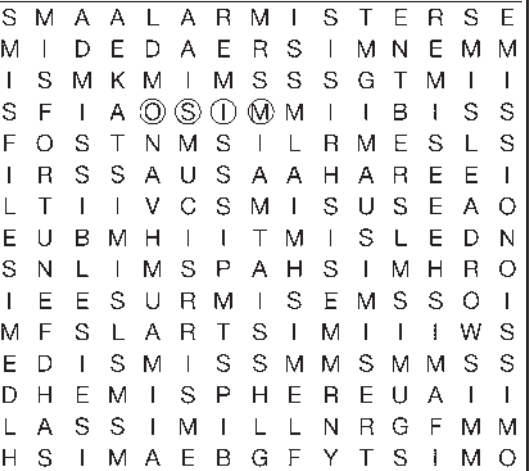
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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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# Clippers rout Rockets 128-95 to take 3-1 series lead



**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Houston's strategy of intentionally fouling poor free-throw shooter DeAndre Jordan backfired in a big way.

Jordan scored 26 points, making 14 of 34 free throws after attempting an NBA playoff-record 28 in the first half, and the Los Angeles Clippers won 128-95 on Sunday night to take a 3-1 series lead.

"All of us kind of got freaked out by it early, and then after that we were fine," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said.

They certainly were.

Jordan had 17 rebounds. Blake Griffin added 21 points, J.J. Redick had 18 points and Chris Paul finished with 15 points and 12 assists in the Clippers' second straight blowout win in the best-of-7 Western Conference semifinal series.

"They beat the hell out of us," Rockets coach Kevin McHale said.

Los Angeles can advance to the conference finals for the first time in franchise history with a victory in Game 5 on Tuesday night in Houston.

"That's not what we want to achieve," Jordan said. "We want to win nine more games."

An impish Jordan flashed a grin from the bench in the fourth before turning deadly serious on the video board. By then, the game was all but over and fans began doing the wave in celebration.

"I didn't really know how many I was shooting," he said. "I was just trying to make as many as I could for our team, and on the other end just try to get us as many stops as I could in a row."

James Harden scored 21 points and Trevor Ariza added 18 for the Rockets. Dwight Howard was held to seven points and six rebounds after picking up two fouls 3:40 into the game. That's when the Rockets decided to start forcing Jordan to the line, grinding the game to a virtual halt. Howard was ejected with 9:52 remaining in the game after getting called for a second technical.

"This is the ultimate adversity right now," Harden said.

Jordan's first trip came 3:40 into the game. During one stretch, he made four straight visits to the line, keeping his cool but verbally expressing disgust. The fans detested the incessant fouling, too, with some of them cursing McHale.

"Personally, I don't like it," Harden said, "but I guess different coaches have their different philosophies."

The Rockets used their reserves to do most of the early fouling, with Clint Capela and Kostas Papanikolaou picking up four each. They barely touched Jordan, often just placing a hand on him, enough to trigger the referees' whistle.

"It just slows the game down so much," Griffin said. "Anybody that shoots 28 free throws in the first half, that's just crazy."

Jordan's 28 attempts—he made 10—in the first half eclipsed the old mark of 27 by Shaquille O'Neal in 2000. The teams combined for 93 attempts—three less than in Game 2.

"Did we break a record there in a four-quarter game?" coach Doc Rivers asked. "It had to be the longest."

Like they did in Game 3 on Friday night, the Clippers rode another big third quarter to victory, opening with a 29-7 run that extended their six-point halftime lead to 89-61. This time, it was a collective effort as six players contributed while Harden and Terry desperately tried to rally the Rockets with Howard and Ariza limited by fouls.

"I get emotional when I'm playing in the playoffs and I want to win so bad," Howard said. "It's frustrating at times, but I just have to try my best to keep my cool."

Jordan and Paul jolted the crowd out of its doldrums with vintage Lob City antics. Jordan dunked on three straight possessions, the last two coming on thunderous one-handed jams fed by alley-oop passes from Paul. Clippers owner Steve Ballmer was on his feet bel-



Los Angeles Clippers forward Blake Griffin dunks against the Houston Rockets during the first half of Game 3 in a second-round NBA basketball playoff series Friday, May 8, 2015, in Los Angeles. AP

lowing and shaking his fists in jubilation.

"Every time that we've gotten the lead and went on a run, we were able to get stops and limit those guys to one shot and get out and run and do what we want to do," Jordan said.

Redick tossed in three 3-pointers, Game 3 hero Austin Rivers added another trey, and Paul beat the shot clock with a 3 of his own during the spurt.

The Rockets' frustration boiled over, with Terrence Jones getting a technical for dragging Griffin to the court and Howard and Matt Barnes tangling arms. Howard and Ariza each picked up their fourth fouls, too.

Howard got called for his fifth after the Clippers' run ended. He and Griffin got physical

as Griffin went to the basket in a play that was reviewed but the call wasn't changed. Griffin went down hard on his back after Howard tried to stop his drive with his hands near Griffin's face and neck. Griffin elevated to the hoop with his left arm wrapped on Howard's shoulder.

## Cavaliers 86, Bulls 84

In Chicago, LeBron James watched his coach draw up the final play—and then drew one up of his own.

"Give me the ball and get out of the way," he said.

James overruled Cleveland coach David Blatt's idea for a last-second inbounds play and drained a jumper from the corner at the buzzer to give the

Cavaliers an 86-84 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Sunday, evening the Eastern Conference semifinal series at 2-2.

During a stoppage the Cavs only got because the officials were reviewing a play, Blatt designed a play that had James taking the ball out. The four-time NBA MVP has been in enough pressure situations that he vetoed his coach.

"I was supposed to take the ball out," James said. "I told Coach there was no way I'm taking the ball out unless I could shoot it over the backboard and go in. So I told him, 'Have somebody else take the ball out.' The play that was drawn up, I scratched it. I just told Coach, 'Just give me the ball. We're either going to go into overtime or

I'm going to win it for us."

James, playing the final quarter on a sprained left ankle, finished with 25 points to help the Cavaliers win in another wild finish, returning the favor after Chicago took Game 3 on Derrick Rose's banked 3-pointer at the horn.

This time, James got whistled for an offensive foul when he elbowed Mike Dunleavy Jr., and Rose scored on a driving layup with 9.4 seconds left. Blatt tried to call a timeout but didn't have one and assistant Tyrone Lue alertly pulled him off the court.

Then, following an animated break, James ended it with the 21-foot jumper over Jimmy Butler, setting off a wild celebration by Cleveland's players who pinned James to the scorer's table.

Game 5 of the best-of-seven series that's had about everything is Tuesday night in Cleveland.

James rolled his left ankle in the third quarter, but fought off the injury. He committed eight turnovers and struggled again from the field, hitting 10 of 30 shots after going 8 of 25 in Game 3. But he also had 14 rebounds, eight assists and a shot that gave Cleveland fans some comfort after Rose broke their hearts on Friday night.

"There's nothing you can do about it," Rose said of James' contested jumper. "He hit a great shot. He's a hell of a player. We just have to make sure that if we're in that position again, just make sure that we force him out a little bit more or make someone else get the ball."

Kyrie Irving, playing with a sprained right foot, was 2 of 10 and had 12 points and two assists.

Timofey Mozgov had 15 points and nine rebounds, and J.R. Smith, who was suspended for Games 1 and 2, came on strong for Cleveland down the stretch, scoring 11 of his 13 points in the fourth quarter.

Rose scored 31 points and Butler added 19. They were the only players in double figures for Chicago, which was playing without Pau Gasol, out with a strained left hamstring. His status for Game 5 is in question.

## NBA: Most exclusive club when it comes to winning titles

By **PAUL NEWBERRY**  
AP SPORTS WRITER

The NBA could crown a first-time champion this year.

Or, at the very least, a team that hasn't won a title in nearly two decades.

Of the eight teams remaining in the playoffs, the most recent to win a championship is the Chicago Bulls, who captured the last of their six Michael Jordan-era banners in 1998.

The Houston Rockets and Golden State Warriors are the only other teams with multiple championships. The Rockets won back-to-back titles in 1994-95 while the War-

riors are 40 years removed from their last title. Their only other championship in the NBA era that began in 1950 was a long-forgotten crown in 1956, when they were in Philadelphia.

There are two franchises that won their only championship so long ago, well, one had a different nickname (the Washington Wizards were the Bullets when they took the 1978 title) and another was in a different city (the 1958 St. Louis Hawks, who didn't move to Atlanta until a decade later). At least they've got a title.

The Los Angeles Clippers, Cleveland Cavaliers

and Memphis Grizzlies have never won it all.

This is something new for the NBA, which has the most exclusive group of champions among the four major North American sports leagues.

A look at how they stack up when it comes to sharing the championship wealth:

### NBA

Since its founding in 1950, two franchises—the Boston Celtics, with 17 titles, and the Lakers, with 16 combined between Los Angeles and previous home Minneapolis—have hoarded nearly half the championships.

Only eight other teams have

won more than one title, the fewest of any league. That means just 10 teams have captured 58 of the 65 titles in the league's history.

Seven of the NBA's 30 franchises have never even reached the finals, also the most of any league.

### NFL

Football is clearly the most parity-driven sport, with 22 of 32 franchises winning titles going back to 1950. (This includes winners of the NFL title game up to the 1965 season, and Super Bowl champions since then.)

The Green Bay Packers have

the most titles during that time frame with seven. In all, 16 franchises have won multiple titles.

Most telling, only two teams (Jacksonville Jaguars and Houston Texans) have never been to an NFL title game or Super Bowl.

### MLB

Twenty of 30 baseball franchises have won World Series titles since 1950, led by the New York Yankees with 15. The Los Angeles (previously Brooklyn) Dodgers are next with six, and a total of 16 teams have won multiple titles during this span.

Only two clubs—Seattle Mariners and Washington Na-

tionals/Montreal Expos—have never reached the World Series. The Chicago Cubs haven't been since 1945.

### NHL

Eighteen of the league's 30 franchises have won a Stanley Cup, with the Montreal Canadiens the only double-digit winner (18 titles) since 1950. Twelve teams have won multiple championships.

Six other teams have at least made it as far as the finals. Six active franchises have never played for the Stanley Cup, the oldest being the Arizona Coyotes, who entered the league in 1979 as the original Winnipeg Jets.



# Pineda strikes out 16, Yankees beat Orioles, 6-2



**NEW YORK**  
(AP)—Mi-

chael Pineda struck out a career-high 16 batters in seven dominant innings as the New York Yankees downed the Baltimore Orioles 6-2.

Pineda (5-0) matched David Cone and David Wells for the second-most strikeouts in a game by a Yankees pitcher. Ron Guidry fanned 18 in 1978.

The 16 strikeouts were the most by the Orioles against one pitcher in a nine-inning game, according to STATS. Baltimore struck out against 18 times overall, a club record for a nine-inning game.

Bud Norris (1-4) took the loss. The Orioles dropped five of six during their week in New York against the Yankees and Mets.

## Royals 2, Tigers 1, 10 innings

In Detroit, Greg Holland worked out of a bases-loaded, nobody-out jam in the bottom of the 10th inning as Kansas City held on to beat Detroit 2-1 in a game that was delayed 103 minutes by rain.

Omar Infante's sacrifice fly in the top of the 10th put the Royals ahead, but Holland allowed a single and two walks to start the bottom half. Hernan Perez—batting because Miguel Cabrera had been removed for a pinch-runner the previous inning—bounced into a 5-2-3 double play, but another walk to Victor Martinez loaded the bases again.

Holland then struck out Yoenis Cespedes for his sixth save in six chances.

Jason Frasier (1-0) got the win, working out of a bases-loaded jam of his own in the ninth after the rain delay in the middle of the inning.

Angel Nesbitt (0-1) took the loss.

## Nationals 5, Braves 4

In Washington, streaking slugger Bryce Harper doubled, singled and drove in another run—but didn't homer—as Washington beat Atlanta 5-4 for a three-game sweep.

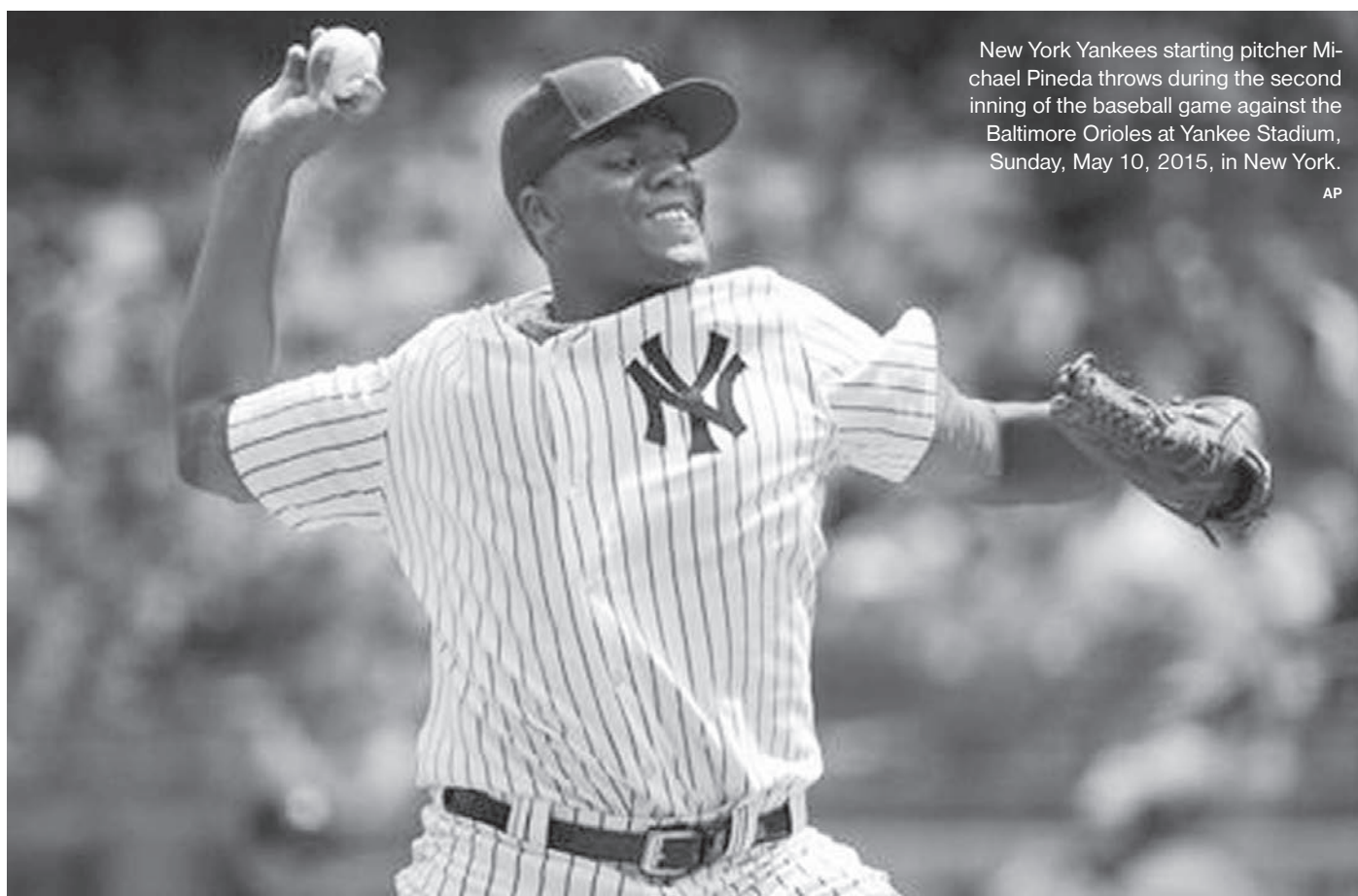
Harper had hit six home runs in his previous three games. He doubled home a run, giving him 13 RBIs in four games, and also scored once.

Wilson Ramos hit a tiebreaking double off Cody Martin (1-2) to cap a two-run rally in the eighth inning, sending the Nationals to their 10th win in 12 games. Ramos and Ryan Zimmerman each had a double, single and two RBIs.

Sammy Solis (1-0) pitched one inning for his first major league win and Drew Storen closed for his ninth save.

## Dodgers 9, Rockies 5

In Denver, after the snow was cleared from Coors Field, the Los Angeles Dodgers used Justin Turner's tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning to send the Colorado Rockies to their ninth



New York Yankees starting pitcher Michael Pineda throws during the second inning of the baseball game against the Baltimore Orioles at Yankee Stadium, Sunday, May 10, 2015, in New York.

AP

straight loss, 9-5.

The series finale began on time after the first two games were affected by the wet weather that has socked Colorado for a week. The gametime temperature was 41 degrees and it dropped to 39 degrees in the ninth.

Turner's two-run homer highlighted a four-run burst in the eighth. Adrian Gonzalez hit two doubles and drove in four runs as the Dodgers beat Colorado for the eighth straight time dating to last season.

Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw failed in his fourth bid for his 100th regular-season win. The reigning NL MVP and Cy Young Award winner gave up five runs on eight hits and four walks in 5 2-3 innings.

It was 5-all in the eighth when Turner connected off Scott Oberg (1-1) for his fifth homer.

Pedro Baez (1-0) pitched 1 1-3 innings for the win.

## Red Sox 6, Blue Jays 3

In Toronto, Mike Napoli hit a three-run homer and Pablo Sandoval added a two-run shot as Boston beat Toronto 6-3 to avoid a three-game sweep.

Clay Buchholz (2-4) allowed three runs in 6 1-3 innings for his first victory in six starts. The last-place Red Sox won for just the second time in nine games.

Carl Willis joined the Red Sox for his first game as their new pitching coach. He replaced Juan Nieves, who was fired Thursday.

Junichi Tazawa pitched 1 2-3 innings and Koji Uehara finished for his sixth save.

R.A. Dickey (1-4) lost for the third time in four starts.

## Brewers 3, Cubs 2, 11 innings

In Milwaukee, Martin Maldonado singled over the Cubs' drawn-in outfield with one out in the 11th inning, lifting Milwaukee past Chicago.

After a 7-18 start, the Brewers went 4-3 in Craig Counsell's first week as manager since taking over for the fired Ron Roenicke.

Chicago went to a five-man infield and brought in their remaining two outfielders with the bases loaded. Maldonado, who homered earlier, hit a deep fly off Jason Motte (1-1).

Michael Blazek (3-0) pitched a perfect top of the 11th.

## White Sox 4, Reds 3

In Chicago, Gordon Beckham hit a game-winning single against Aroldis Chapman in the ninth as Chicago beat Cincinnati.

Chapman (1-1) got the first two outs of the inning, then gave up back-to-back singles to Avisal Garcia and Alexei Ramirez. They advanced to second and third on a wild pitch, then on a 2-2 pitch Beckham singled to center to end the game, breaking the tie.

It was Chapman's first earned run of the season in 12 2-3 innings.

White Sox closer David Robertson (3-0) couldn't hold a 3-1 lead in the ninth. He gave up back-to-back singles to start the inning to Devin Mesoraco and Bryan Pena. After a pass ball by Geovany Soto to advance the runners to second and third Zack Cozart doubled down the left-field line to tie the game.

## Mariners 4, Athletics 3

In Seattle, Felix Hernandez became the fourth-youngest player to reach 2,000 career strikeouts while giving up two runs over seven innings to lead Seattle to a win against Oakland.

Hernandez, at 29 years, 32 days old, is behind only Bert Blyleven, Sam McDowell and Walter Johnson, who were all 28 when they reached 2,000 strikeouts.

The right-hander started Sunday's game against the Oakland Athletics with 1,995

strikeouts. In the fifth inning, Hernandez fell behind leadoff batter Sam Fuld 3-1 before striking him out looking at a fastball for No. 2,000.

Hernandez (6-0) added one more strikeout on his final batter, getting Eric Sogard swinging to end the seventh inning.

Marcus Semien hit two solo home runs off Hernandez for the first multi-homer game of his career.

Fernando Rodney pitched the ninth and earned his ninth save 10 chances.

Oakland starter Jesse Chavez (1-3) didn't give up a hit in the first three innings before running into trouble.

## Giants 3, Marlins 2

In San Francisco, Matt Duffy singled in Gregor Blanco with two outs in the ninth inning to cap a two-run rally off closer Steve Cishek and lift San Francisco over Miami.

The Giants had been quiet offensively most of the game until breaking out against Cishek (1-2), who had not allowed an earned run in 13 previous appearances against the defending World Series champs.

Cishek struck out Justin Maxwell to open the ninth before getting into trouble. Andrew Susac singled and Blanco doubled. Joaquin Arias pinch-ran for Susac and stayed at third when pinch-hitter Buster Posey was intentionally walked to load the bases.

After pinch-hitter Angel Pagan struck out, Cishek walked Nori Aoki to force in the tying run. Duffy, hitless in his previous four at-bats, followed with the first game-ending hit of his career.

## Pirates 4, Reds 3

In Pittsburgh, Jung Ho Kang went 2 for 4 with a home run and two RBIs and Pittsburgh beat St. Louis.

The Cardinals dropped two

of three in Pittsburgh, their first series loss of the season.

With the game tied 3-3, Kang hit a go-ahead RBI single in the seventh inning.

Kang hit his second home run of the season in the first inning, a shot to left field off a 0-2 fastball left over the middle of the plate from St. Louis left-hander Tyler Lyons. Kang's home run gave Pittsburgh a 1-0 lead.

Jared Hughes (1-1) got the final out of the seventh for the victory.

Kang struck again for the Pirates in the seventh after pinch-hitter Steve Lombardozzi walked and advanced to second on a sac bunt. Kang singled to left off Mitch Harris to give Pittsburgh a 4-3 lead.

## Mets 7, Phillies 4

In Philadelphia, Bartolo Colon became the first pitcher in the majors with six wins, and Curtis Granderson hit a two-run homer to lead New York over Philadelphia.

Colon (6-1) won again despite giving up a homer to opposing pitcher Chad Billingsley (0-2). The right-hander, who turns 42 this month, allowed four runs with six strikeouts and no walks in six-plus innings.

Colon extended his streak without a walk to 40 1-3 innings, pulling closer to the franchise record of 47 set by Bret Saberhagen in 1994. The 2005 AL Cy Young Award winner has 40 strikeouts and one walk this season.

Daniel Murphy had three hits and pinch-hitter Johnny Monell delivered a two-run double for the Mets, who have won nine of 10 series against Philadelphia since 2012.

## Indians 8, Twins 2

In Cleveland, Danny Salazar retired 21 straight batters after giving up a home run to start the game as Cleveland defeated Minnesota.

Salazar matched his career high with 11 strikeouts, including six in a row. He was removed after throwing 102 pitches in seven innings.

Brian Dozier's leadoff homer was the only hit Salazar (4-1) allowed. The right-hander struck out the side in the fifth and sixth.

Lonnie Chisenhall hit a three-run homer off Trevor May (2-3). Carlos Santana drove in three runs, Jason Kipnis had three hits and two RBIs, and David Murphy went 4 for 4 for the Indians.

Zach McAllister and Cody Allen finished the two-hitter. Cleveland pitchers combined for 16 strikeouts.

## Rangers 2, Rays 1

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Adrian Beltre homered and drove in two runs, and Wandy Rodriguez gave Texas a record-setting pitching performance against Tampa Bay.

Beltre's tiebreaking single off Kevin Jepsen (0-2) came in the eighth inning following a couple of walks.

Keone Kela (3-1) got the win after Rodriguez established a franchise mark for consecutive batters retired.

The 36-year-old lefty set down the first 15 Rays before Tim Beckham led off the Tampa Bay sixth with a line-drive single. Following the 19 straight hitters Rodriguez retired in his previous start at Houston, he broke the team record of 31 in a row set by Ken Hill in 1996.

## Angels 3, Astros 1

In Anaheim, California, Garrett Richards took a no-hitter into the seventh inning as Los Angeles scored all its runs in the fifth en route to a victory that secured a four-game split with AL West-leading Houston.

Richards (3-1) walked his first batter of the day, then retired 15 in a row. The right-hander walked his first two in the seventh before striking out Colby Rasmus, but Jason Castro lined a clean single to left field to break up the no-hit bid.

Fernando Salas retired pinch-hitter Evan Gattis with the bases loaded to end the seventh. Houston Street got his 10th save in 12 attempts, following back-to-back blown saves Wednesday and Thursday.

## Diamondbacks 2, Padres 1

In Phoenix, Aaron Hill and A.J. Pollock homered to back five pitchers who carried Arizona to a tight victory over San Diego.

Daniel Hudson, making his first major league start since June 2012, was limited to 56 pitches in 3 1-3 scoreless innings. He's been used out of the bullpen since returning late last season from two Tommy John surgeries.

J.C. Ramirez (1-0), just called up from Triple-A, pitched out of two bases-loaded jams to earn his first career win. He allowed a run and four hits in 2 2-3 innings.



# 25 PBTs in 3 sprint races

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Twenty-five more personal best times were recorded in three sprint races in the 2014-2015 Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation Championships held early this month at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

In the 50m breaststroke, 15 PBTs were made, while eight and two were posted in the 50m backstroke and 50m butterfly events, respectively.

In the 50m breaststroke, Tsunami Saipan's Ashley Dangol registered 53.04 seconds to eclipse her old PBT of 55.33 seconds. Dangol's three other Tsunami Saipan teammates achieved PBTs in the girls U8 division with Shoko Litulumar, Seiyul Hong, and Mizuki Suzuki clocking in at 1:01.22, 1:14.71, and 1:23.48.

Others who earned PBTs were Tsunami Saipan's Sean Gil (1:06.64), Arman Rechucher (54.37), Manuel Babauta



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Saipan Swim Club's Wataru Kadokura, seen here getting ready at the starting block, is one of the swimmers who earned personal best time in the 2014-2015 Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation Championships.

(1:23.86), Hans Xu (50.08), Angel De Jesus (43.65), and Kyona Rivera (42.38), and Saipan Swim Club's Taiyo Akimaru (49.94 seconds), Jinnosuke Suzuki (50.69 seconds), Leo Takahashi (56.12), R.J. Pierce (46.29), and Wataru Kadokura (1:01.65).

Wataru also marked a PBT in 50m backstroke, timing in at 1:02.49, which is more than 18 seconds faster than his record of 1:20.98. Kadokura raced in the boys U8 division and beat Babauta, who posted a PBT of

1:14.36 (from 1:18.27). In the girls U8, Mizuki Suzuki and Hong were PBT getters, too after tallying 1:16.64 and 1:05.70, respectively.

In the 9 to 10 age group, Tsunami Saipan's Sean Gil's PBT read at 1:03.07, while SSC's Mark Janier Chavez had the same feat with his 1:03.54. Jasmin Frink (48.41 seconds) and Akira Kadokura (55.65 seconds) of the 11 to 12 division rounded out the list of PBT getters in the 50m backstroke.

In the 50m butterfly, SSC's Christian Villacrusis registered the fastest time at 31.72 seconds, which is his new PBT, surpassing his old mark of 32.38. Tsunami Saipan's Rei Sekiguchi was the other swimmer to notch a PBT in the 50m butterfly after logging 38.25 seconds, more than two seconds better than her previous PBT of 40.33 seconds.

Meanwhile, results of the last three events in NMISF's final tournament of the season will be reported later this week.

## Spartans continue march to division crown

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The Jokers Spartans continue their march to the Kingfisher C division crown in the 2015 Bud Light-Saipan Electronic Darts Association Winter/Spring season last week held in different bars on Saipan.

An 11-4 win over the Jokers Chagi Fan (66-99) increased the Spartans' record further on top with a division-best 117-48 won-loss slate against the 88-77 card of the second-running Sand Juvy Sea-Ricks.

The Spartans, who have been

enjoying the view from the top for almost a month now, will visit the Sea-Ricks tomorrow in the hopes of clinching more wins to secure the title in their division, which only have three weeks left after tomorrow's matches.

The Route 33 Dart Knights (85-80) remain third following a 9-6 decision over the lowly Smoke Pub High Flyers (61-104) while the Naked Fish Hafa Mas (78-86) also scored a 9-6 win over the Sea-Ricks.

The Dart Knights will host Chagi Fan, while the High Flyers clash with Hafa Mas also on Wednesday. Last week's other division results are as follows:

### Masters

- Pythons 11, TDI Summit 6
- Destroyers 10, Shoot Balut 7
- Scratch 'N' Sniff 10, Darting Chelu's

### A Division

- Huntlaw 10, No Fear 7
- Voyagers 10, Sakude 7
- Warriors 10, Ridin' Darryl 7
- 101 Proofers 10, Predators 7
- Snipers 9, Mafia 8

### Ladies

- Kitty Kats 9, Try Luc 6
- Pasawayz 8, Vicious Darts 7

### Tuesday B

- Titans 11, Dartaholics 4
- Pasaways 8, Atarashi Boyz 7

- Lit It Or Not 8, Dabarkadz 7

### Fanihi B

- Latter Sparts 13, Team Fearless 2
- Preba Darts 9, Sunrisers 6
- Dragon Warriors 8, VFW Warriors 7
- Mixblood Shooters 8, 80 Proofers 7

### Flame Tree

- Na'Gupu 12, Real Deal 3
- Kyodai 11, No Fear 4
- Ridin' Darryl 9, Snipers 6
- One Shot 8, Serial Killaz 7

### Chichirika

- Bull-It 9, Blue Koi's 6
- Darty Flight 8, Tokers 7

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time in the women's 200m run when she clocked 26.29 seconds in the preliminaries.

Her 26.29 time in this year's OAA was good only for 12th place, while she also finished 12th in the qualifying round of the women's 100m sprint with 12.71 seconds.

Abrams clocked 26.29 sec-

onds to break the record of former Team CNMI sprinter Yvonne Bennet (26.41, 2010 in Palau) in the 200m run event last year.

Castillo and Miller also failed to advance in the boys' 100m and 200m youth runs, but recorded personal best times.

Castillo came in at 13th both in the 100m and 200m runs clocking 11.97 and 24.48, respectively. He also competed

in the boys' long jump where he placed fifth (5.26m). Miller finished 16th (12.73) and 17th (25.74) in the 100m and 200m runs.

Beouch Ngirchongor, who won the 400m run and 400m hurdles gold in the Pohnpei Micro Games, managed to qualify in the men's 400m hurdles finals after submitting a time of 62.05 in the preliminaries.

Ngirchongor finished eighth

in the finals with a time of 62.72, but then failed to qualify in the 400m run finals after landing at 10th (54.55).

Zarinae Sapong, meanwhile, had 13th place finishes in both the girls' 100m and 200m with times of 13.91 and 28.97, respectively.

The seven-member Team CNMI, with Ron Olopai as coach, are expected to arrive at 7am tomorrow.

lian Dayrit, respectively.

Meanwhile, in the doubles contest, the CNMI will only play in the girls division. Tan and Lee will team up in the doubles event and have a tough opening assignment in the No. 1 seed pair of Maria Dominique Ong of the Philippines and Singapore's Nicole Tan. Lopez and Rastguiy will also take on seeded opponents in No. 4 Nagomi Higashitani and Ayu Sugiyama of Japan. Both doubles matches are scheduled for today.

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the CNMI the needed lift, as the island-nation's seven other entries to the tournament made an early exit.

Mikayla Lopez joined Lee in the upper half of the 32-player main draw, but fell to Singapore's Ashley Kei Yim, 1-6, 2-6. In the lower half of the bracket, Negahr Rastguiy also dropped her opening match against No. 6 seed Runa Ichinose of Japan,

0-6, 3-6. Tania Tan is the fourth CNMI player competing in the girls U18 singles and was scheduled to challenge wild card entry Ling Hsuan Wei of Chinese-Taipei yesterday in the bottom half of the draw, but results of their game were unavailable at press time.

In the boys U18 singles, the Commonwealth's lone bet in the main draw, Colin Ramsey, bowed out of competition after losing to South Korea's Yohan Sung, 6-0, 6-0.

Only Ramsey made it to the boys U18 singles main draw after his four other teammates failed to survive last weekend's qualifying tournament. Luther Lizama missed the main draw after absorbing a 1-6, 1-6 defeat at the hands of Japan's Yuta Kikuchi, while Tommy Choi, Michael Ren, and Steven Lee suffered similar 0-6, 0-6 losses. Choi bowed to Germany's Marvin Bockers, while Ren and Lee were booted out by Japan's Riku Yoneda and the Philippines' Ju-

## Joeten, PSS eliminate foes

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Joeten Enterprises and the Public School System pulled off similar lopsided wins against IT&E and Saipan Ice to eliminate their respective foes in the Inter-Commercial Business Basketball League 2015 playoffs round.

Joeten cruised to an easy 70-41 triumph against Saipan

Ice, while PSS trounced IT&E, 81-65, in separate matches last Thursday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Dixon Kwon paced the balanced scoring for Joeten, which hardly broke a sweat against Saipan Ice, to nail its second win against one loss in the playoffs.

Jun Sambile scored 8 points for Joeten as he matched Saipan Ice's first-quarter output, 22-8. Joeten was never threatened from there as its lead ballooned further as the game pushes through.

Kwon scattered 15 points to lead four other Joeten players that finished in double digits. Sambile added 14 with Ferdie Tobias chipping in 12. Alex Lauron and Rocyl Ritual tallied 10 markers apiece.

Only four players scored for Saipan Ice with Patrick Rotap leading the charge with 17 while Treat Kaipat contributed 12. Ben Olopai and John Santy tallied 6 markers each.

Earlier, Preston Basa poured in a game-high 34 points be-

hind seven 3-pointers to lift PSS to victory and sent IT&E to an early vacation.

Basa made 13 in the first period where PSS zoomed to a 23-10 spread after 10 minutes of play. He slowed down with 6 in the second quarter but PSS was enjoying a 42-29 edge at the turn.

He went scoreless in the third before finishing off with 15, most of which were garbage points as PSS was enjoying a comfortable lead in the final canto.

Joe Villacrusis was the only other PSS player to score in twin digits with 16, while Marlon Cabrera, Jerry Diaz, and Jacob Villagomez turned in 7 apiece. Bobby Coldeen made 6 while Jude Loste had 4 points.

Top seed Pacific Islands Club and Fiesta Resort remain undefeated in the playoffs round.

### First Game

**PSS 81** – Basa 34, Villacrusis 16, Cabrera 7, Diaz 7, Villagomez 7, Coldeen 6, Loste 4.

**IT&E 65** – Peredo 26, Palacios 21, Mateo 10, Santos 4, Aglipay 2, Benavente 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 23-10, 42-29, 59-48, 81-65.

### Second Game

**Joeten 70** – Kwon 15, Sambile 14, Tobias 12, Lauron 10, Ritual 10, Sablan 7, Nakayama 2.

**Saipan Ice 41** – Rotap 17, Kaipat 12, Olopai 6, Santy 6.

**Scoring by quarters:** 22-8, 42-18, 55-29, 70-41.

## BLUE

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round-robin contest with an immaculate 5-0 mark, while LBT Appraisal ended up with a 3-2 slate, losing its last two matches.

LBT Appraisal had a chance to hand Blue Haus its first defeat this season when the former led by 6 points, 70-64, with 1:36 left in regulation. Alex Ocampo drilled back-to-back baseline jumpers, while Jorge De Guzman made a putback off an Edgar Pangelinan miss from downtown to give LBT Appraisal the two-possession advantage.

However, LBT Appraisal squandered the lead, committing costly errors and missing two attempts in the ensuing plays.

On the other hand, Blue Haus turned those miscues into points with Edwin Santos making an undergoal stab and Ernie Moises scoring back-to-back layups. Moises' last layup was made after Jun Alipio's crosscourt pass to Mungcal was intercepted by Edsel Mendoza.

After Blue Haus equalized, LBT was still left with 25.2 seconds to set up for the go-ahead basket. However, LBT Appraisal had another boo-boo when De Guzman drove to the basket, but lost possession against a phalanx of Blue Haus defenders.

Mendoza picked up the loose ball and looked at the clock, which read 9.2 seconds. He

then stopped for a while near the 3-point area to look for his teammates before driving to the basket, but his running jumper was way short. LBT Appraisal got the rebound and threw up a prayer from the backcourt as the fourth-quarter buzzer sounded with the game still tied.

In overtime, the opposing teams breathed on each other's neck with LBT Appraisal having the lead for the last time at 79-78 off Mungcal's triple, with less than 30 seconds remaining in the match. Mungcal earlier canned four free throws and Bobby Vargas had a field goal to keep LBT Appraisal afloat, while Blue Haus drew two baskets from Mendoza and one each from Moises and Guiab to stay in the game.

Guiab later rescued Blue Haus, as he got the ball in the paint and drew a foul on Mungcal. After making the important charities, Guiab and company hung tight on defense, preventing LBT Appraisal from having the last say in the close match.

**Blue Haus 80** – Guiab 24, Mendoza 17, Moises 16, Santos 10, Diaz 7, F. Palacios 4, Fernandez 2.

**LBT 79** – Mungcal 20, Ocampo 16, Alipio 15, Vargas 9, De Guzman 8, Catalla 6, Pangelinan 5.

**Scoring by quarters:** 18-10, 35-22, 53-55, 70-70, 80-79, OT.



# Senior League Division Awards Ceremony

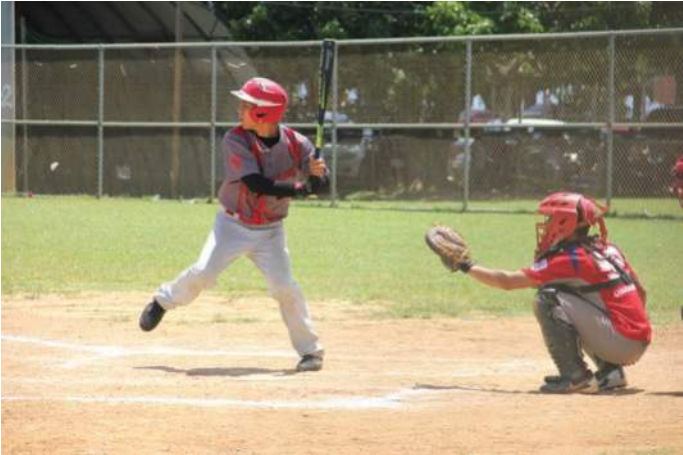
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Franko Nakamura of the Comets, right, receives the Sportsmanship trophy from CNMI district administrator Mike Borja, left, and Saipan Little League Board Inc. secretary Piding Tenorio in last week's awards ceremony after the Senior League division finals between the Enforcers and the Bank of Saipan Red Sox.



The Red Sox's Nathan Camacho is at the plate in their semifinals game against the Braves.



A Braves batter awaits a pitch.



J.J. Chong of the Enforcers was the finals MVP after going 2-for-3 in their 4-2 win over the Red Sox in the title match.



The Enforcers' Franklin Lizama gets a hug from Saipan Little League volunteer Remy Celis, right, and SLLBI secretary Piding Tenorio. Lizama, and Comets teammates Franko Nakamura and Anthony Ilo belted three of the season's homeruns.



Red Sox hurlers Richard Atalig, second left, and Nathan Camacho, fourth left, join SLLBI vice president Annie Flores, from left, CNMI district administrator Mike Borja, SLLBI secretary Piding Tenorio, and Saipan Little League volunteer Remy Celis. Atalig was the ERA champ with no earned runs in the 15 innings he pitched while Camacho was the strikeout king with 57.



The Bank of Saipan Red Sox are this season's pennant champions and the runner-up.



The Comets' Franko Nakamura, left, and the Red Sox's Roke Tenorio, third left, pose with SLLBI vice president Annie Flores, from left, CNMI district administrator Mike Borja, SLLBI secretary Piding Tenorio, and Saipan Little League volunteer Remy Celis. Nakamura and Tenorio had the most doubles with five each.



Saipan Little League Seniors division champions Enforcers.



The Comets' Franko Nakamura won all the batting category awards to earn the most valuable player honors.





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## Ada bags bronze in Oceania Champs



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**T**eam CNMI won't be going home empty-handed as Donavin Ada clinched a bronze in the boys' javelin throw event in the 2015 Oceania Athletics Association Area Championships in Cairns, Australia.

The Marianas High School freshman, who competed in his first international athletics event, threw a distance of 41.02 meters in the finals to secure the bronze in the three-day competition set from May 8 to 10 at Barlow Park.

Teuraiterai Tupala won the gold for French Polynesia with a throw of 59.93m, while teammate Mahio Patu settled for the silver with 54.79m.

The 14-year-old Ada also finished seventh in the boys' discus throw and shot put with 34.73m and 10.67m distances, respectively.

Rachel Abrams matched her 200m run record, while Gerald Castillo and Evan Miller had personal best times in both of their events.

Abrams, who bagged three gold medals in last year's Micronesian Games in Pohnpei, equaled her record-breaking

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Donavin Ada, standing right, and the rest of the CNMI athletics delegation enjoy a light moment in a shop in Cairns, Australia, before the Oceania Area Championships. Others in photo are, standing from left, Beo Ngirchongor, Evan Miller, Gerald Castillo, Rachel Abrams (sitting), and Zarinah Sapong.



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LBT Appraisal's Jorge De Guzman loses possession as he is swarmed by four Blue Haus defenders during the fourth quarter of their Masters division game in the UFO caging last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

## Blue Haus nips LBT in overtime

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Blue Haus saved its perfect record in the regular season of the 2015 United Filipino Basketball League after outlasting LBT

Appraisal in overtime, 80-79, in their Masters division game last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Junar Guiab knocked in a pair of free throws off a foul from Randy Mungcal in the closing seconds of the extension period to lift Blue Haus to the hard-earned victory. Blue Haus finished the

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## Lee wins Junior ITF debut

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The CNMI's Carol Lee had a rousing debut in the Calvo's Selectcare ITF Junior Championships 2015 after dominating her Japanese opponent yesterday at the Rick Ninete Tennis Centre in Hagatna.

Lee was paired against Haruna Tsuzuki in the opening round of the girls U18 singles and the Commonwealth bet needed only two sets to eliminate her foe, 6-2, 6-4.

With the sweep, the CNMI's top-ranked player in the girls U18 division, arranged a second round match against the winner of the duel between the No. 7 seed Yuri Takanishi of Japan and Singapore's Maxine Ng. Takanishi and Nang squared off in the afternoon match yesterday, but results of the pairing were unavailable at press time.

Lee's victory in the first round gave

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Lee